

ABBREVIATED MINUTE from the FEBRUARY ACM
February 20, 2020
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Treasurer's Report: Cheryl (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 their GSO six digit code is. It will help the incoming Treasurer.
- Please make sure to submit any reimbursements before the end of the year.

January 2020		YTD	2020 Budget 61,860.00	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	5,565.48	8,565.48	61,860.00	3,450.48
Individual contributions:	1,244.18	1,244.18	0.00	1,244.18
District contributions:	3,000.00		0.00	0.00
Total contributions:	9,809.66	9,809.66		4,694.66
Total budgeted expenses:	9,184.99	9,184.99	61,860.00	-52,675.83
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	624.67	624.67		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	0.00		
Total expenses:	10,973.99	10,973.99		
Contributions less total expenses:	-1,164.33	-1,164.33		
Total Cash Balance: January 2020	15,644.16		25% of budget	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

Discussion on 3 items: January was a good month for income, but there were also a lot of expenses that occur at the beginning of the year. There was a send off to GSO of 1,789.00
-Item L 4:\$1,949.00 ACM rent was over the budgeted amount of \$1,800.00 For February the overage will be an unbudgeted expense for Feb.
-L14 \$1836 over \$236 unbudgeted expense.(storage rent)
K05 DCM Training was under \$300
-L18 should be + .82 over
Requesting an unbudgeted expense of \$236 for storage (the bill was larger than was expected due to a raise in rent) Motion moved, and seconded, motion passed

Chair Report; Blaine H. Thank you for your support as I work my way into this new position. Mistakes have, and I'm sure will continue to be made. It is a learning process. I specifically would like to thank Monty for his help in preparation and for his continued assistance as has been needed. All of our officers and half of our DCMs are in transition. Please bear with us.

This week I am sending out material on the Finance Committee and Treasurers motions that were tabled at the January assembly. This will include the original motions and three additional pieces intended as a response to requests to simplify the material. I am asking the DCMs to share this information with your GSRs as many expressed confusion following the last assembly. I also ask that you retain the material as these measures will come before a future assembly for a vote.

I wish to thank those who attended last Saturday's DCM and Committee Chair Training workshop, and specifically thank Districts 8 and 12 for their hosting and providing a delicious breakfast for the group. Monty C, Ernest D., Paul C., Jerry C., Jo Ann Z., Sandy A., and Bill S. gave presentations. Some of the presentations included material which is or will be available on the website to examine as you wish.

Only two short weeks until PRAASA in Tucson. I hope as many as possible can attend. I am aware that expense is a factor in selecting a venue for an area 8 Friday night dinner. It should be good news that we should be able to eat for less than \$30 per person at HUMBLE PIE a pizza restaurant one mile from the La Paloma. The plan is to order ahead and serve buffet style. They have many different pizzas including vegetarian and gluten free options. We plan to select a few meat varieties, a couple of vegetarian, and a gluten free option as well a couple of salad options. The # of pies, etc. will depend on the anticipated attendance. We will be seated on an L-shaped patio (with heaters). I have tentatively told them to expect about 40 people.

This is a very busy time of year. We have received the Conference agenda items and soon, if not already, Jerry and Monty will have culled out some gems for us to study and discuss at our pre-Conference workshops and at our next assembly on 3/28 in El Cajon.

Lastly, I will mention communication. As mostly we do this through emails, it is most important that we have correct addresses for everyone. Hopefully DCMs will have contact

with all GSRs in their districts and likewise all in the Area will have the up-to-date contact information on file with our hard-working registrars. They are here to serve and without proper information from you, we cannot communicate and thus properly serve our Area.

Delegate's Report: Jerry S:Wow! So much has happened in such a short amount of time! First off, I want to apologize for missing our recent DCM & Committee Chair training experience this past weekend. I shared my calendar with my wife and this past weekend was the last weekend I could spare until May. I am only 2 months into my commitment as Delegate and my wife and I are feeling the weight of my absence due to weight and demand of my commitment. Thank you to each of you for all that you sacrifice as you walk this journey in service to our fellowship. Thank you!

- So, the January Board weekend has come and gone, and a ton of outfall has come as the result. Let's pick through some of the juicy morsels and discuss some points of interest:
 - Let me start with some sad and tragic news: Our Pacific Regional Trustee, Kathi shared with me about 5 days before our conference call last week that her brother had fallen from a height of 45' and was in ICU. 2 days later, he unfortunately passed away. Her opening remarks during our conference call were full of tears, sadness and a truly broken heart. I want you to know that I sent a small bouquet of flowers to her from all of us expressing our shared condolences and prayers for her and her family during this time of loss. If you would like to contribute to the flower fund, I'll pass around a basket. The flowers were \$80 with all delivery and taxes, etc. Please feel free to contribute anything you feel comfortable with.
 - Following this sad start, Kathi then proceeded to review her Trustees Report... which is available should you like to see it unabridged, please reach out and let me know. Here are some points of interest:
 - The deadline for submissions for the pamphlet "AA for the Older Alcoholic" has come and gone and this important piece of literature is now moving through further edit and development
 - Audio interviews with Military in AA are being collected and our current pre-pre ad-hoc committee serving our local Armed Service Members are communicating and looking to contribute. Do you or anyone through your committee or District wish to participate? Please contact me and I will get you connected.
 - From the office of Communications, we were informed that there are currently 225,000 users of the Meeting Guide App and a report on its progress is expected any day now.
 - From Finance, contributions for 2019 hit a new record of \$8.8M. Online contributions continue to rise and it was suggested: GSR's, groups, DCM's, District Treasurer's etc.: Please, if you do contribute to GSO and can do so online, this is strongly recommended. As online contributions are mostly tallied, recorded and accounted for in an automated fashion, the cost to process is practically nothing. However, the average cost to process a check

or money order contribution is approximately \$2 per contribution.

That cost comes in the form of staff member hours and materials.

- There was a General Sharing Session during the weekend on “The Group Conscience.” Here are some of the key points made:
 - Our 2nd Tradition neither actually defines what a group conscience is nor how to reach it. This presenter went on to share that they felt that Warranties 4, 5 & 6 from our 12th Concept offer clarity and help here:
 - All decisions ought to be reached by discussion, vote and wherever possible by substantial unanimity
 - That all actions are not personally punitive nor incite public controversy
 - That we always remain democratic in thought and action
- On Dec 3rd 2019 GSO hosted a sharing session with Board Members from Al-Anon, Cocaine Anonymous, Debtors Anonymous, Heroin Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous & Sexaholics Anonymous. Topics discussed were ranging from recent literature translations, struggles and pitfalls, online meetings and fellowship presence on Facebook and issues of protecting anonymity. Additional topics included International Conventions and geographic areas that have recently begun to thrive. Proposed topics for next years sharing session included:
 - Singleness of purpose
 - Attracting young people
 - Technology and social media
 - Carrying the message into correctional facilities

I was mostly touched by the spirit of the invitation and the overall theme of cooperation and learning... the wisdom to know the difference in action. If you would like a copy of the Sharing Session, please reach out... I can share that with you.

- OK, the Agenda Items have been shared and the background Information is password protected and available on the Area Website in the Delegates Corner:

<https://www.area8aa.org/area-information/delegates-corner>

The password is “surrendertowin”. Please note that the Spanish translation of the background information will not be available until early March. As soon as it is available, I will share it and we can all proceed on the same page. To my Spanish speaking brothers and sisters, I apologize for this delay. However, the document is 1,068 pages long and so the delay is somewhat understandable. Monty and I met and reviewed the list and we have come to a shared decision to create and issue a document for “special consideration”. What this means is that we are asking our GSR’s and our groups to chime in and support a conversation on approximately 24 agenda items for “special consideration”. 12 of those items will be presented on during our pre-conference workshops. The remaining 12 will be presented by myself and introduced in brief.

The Pre-Conference Workshops are set, and the Pre-Conference Assembly is gaining traction. There is an updated road to the conference document on the Area Website... in the Delegates Corner:

<https://www.area8aa.org/area-information/delegates-corner>

Alt Delegate's Report: Monty C. :I attended the Imperial Valley Round Up. The round was fun and attended by people surrounding the Imperial Valley area. It was fun and the speakers were great. I left after the dinner on Saturday night. I had to work on Sunday morning. We held a General Service Panel. The room had lots of energy and was very pleasant.

I attended the So Ca H&I Intergroup meeting which was held in Long Beach that Sunday following the Imperial Valley Round Up. The Alternate Delegates from Area 5, 9 & 93 were all in attendance. It was great to have some familiar faces in the room. I felt a newcomer attending this meeting. The Alternate Delegate from Area 93 turned and ask me to sign in and told me few other things. I started to feel a part of and that newcomer feeling went away.

I drove back from Long Beach and attend the Founders Day committee meeting. We discussed picking a location and ideas for an agenda. So, as an Area what would you like to see or do? I am looking for ideas of things that we can do as an Area together. Our project day will be June 13th. If the date changes, I will be sure to let you know. We meet again at the end of the month.

PRAASA is just around the corner. If you are planning on attend, rooms are going fast. Emails are starting to come out about PRAASA. If you have registered and not receiving any emails, please let the committee know.

If you haven't registered for the Spring Round and you are on a panel, please do so. The registration process was easy. In order to receive the discount for being on a panel, you have to register this year. If you contacted me about being on the panel and you didn't get chosen, there will still be a chance for you to be of service. I would for you to come up with two or three questions to ask the panel about General Service. The General Service Panel will be on April 11th from 9am to 1030am. I am really looking forward to watching this unfold and come alive.

Timeline to the conference has been updated. We have provided a few copies on the back table. The timeline has been updated to reflect the location and times of all the pre-conference workshops. This document along with all information that is available is posted on the website. Please be sure to check out the website.

District 8 would like to share their excess of \$500 to any DCM that might need assistance to go to PRAASA//Ques-could this be extended to a Committee Chair?//District 4 is also able to offer some funding to help send people to PRAASA//

Old Business:

- **Audio Equipment AdHoc Committee** met Feb 4th. Need volunteers to help with transport. May need an Ad Hoc committee. Need person with SUV or truck. Need someone with expertise and willing to be committed.// take back to the groups to ask for help using IT equipment. //who is main point of contact? Chair and Alt. Chair//Joshua volunteered to help, has vehicle//need ad hoc committee???//weight of equipment?
- **Budget Timeline** Joshua sent pdf of timeline to Webmaster and will send all forms as well.
- **Military Outreach Tiffany** called Armed Services Committee has doubled in size. Meet 3rd Sunday month, 3030 Cranbrook Ct. 2:30pm. Represented by all various branches and DOD. goal to become an official standing committee.

Motion made to make Armed Forces committee to make this an official Ad Hoc Committee, seconded and all were in favor.

New Business:

- **Flyer Submission Guidelines** Ernest Event flyer and revue process. Flyer submission process. Any aa member who wants to post and AA event on the website guidelines. The Issue today is anonymity. Self identifying email addresses, phone numbers, etc. break AA anonymity guidelines.//hosting service only allows a limited number of emails//hardwork of many people. Apologize for no spanish translation. Send request to flyers@area8aa.org. Need more help, using Zoom for meetings. Flyer Submission Process Flow Chart is for transparency. Updating S&G using a similar format as what Jerry presented for Conference item backgrounds. Looking for a volunteer familiar with HTML.
- **Pre-Conference Workshops (3/14, 3/15, 3/16, 3/20, 3/21)** Jerry-DCMs spread word to GSRs. // if you're hosting PCW and need equipment contact chair or alt chair//intention of workshop is for GSRs to gain clarity on agendas to take back to groups.
- **Date selection for Big Day (Sep-2nd -12th or 3rd Sat-19- Jewish holiday) and Budget Assemblies** Blaine,
- **Hispanic Women's Workshop** Alicia, liaison, march 2, first business meeting, 8,9,10, Area 93 offered to be host for next workshop, 2500 prudent reserve. Alicia willing to be contact. Our Area is in need of a Liaison, and Alicia is willing to be liaison a second term//but it might be better if the Spanish speaking districts select someone else or confirm Alicia//decided to take back to Spanish Speaking groups to find a woman willing to stand.

Unbudgeted Expense-guide for Literature Chairs needs to be printed before PRAASA//a fourfold guide for the Literature Rep//Area Service Material//to be brought and presented at PRAASA and a Literature Workshop in Area 5//\$150 requested by Bill S. Motion made by Joshua, seconded, amended to \$250 accepted by Bill who made motion//motion passed.

Respectfully submitted, Panel 70 Area Secretary: Renee R. and Alternate Secretary: Cecil L.

Next Assembly: Assembly- Pre Conference Assembly, Hosted by Districts 7, 8, 11, and 16

March 28, 2020

Venue: Ronald Reagan Center-195 E. Douglas Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020

