

**Meeting held by ZOOM due to a State & Federal mandate of not holding gatherings of more than 50 persons and the personal safety of each Committee Member**

**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.

Question/ discussion: will rent be paid for this month? Did Jerry submit the cost of Zoom? For however many months of rent we don't pay, can we keep the money to pay for the Zoom charges?

How do we get our checks-fill out check request form and send to Cheryl using US Mail//and districts can pick up money from Cheryl or she can mail them out if requested. There's an embedded electronic check request form on the area website for ACM documents.

<b>February 2020</b>		<b>YTD</b>	<b>2020 Budget 61,860.00</b>	<b>Variance with Annual Budget</b>
Group contributions:	4,187.05	9,752.53	61,860.00	3,450.48
Individual contributions:	58.91	1,303.09	0.00	1,303.09
District contributions:	0.00	3,000.00	0.00	0.00?
Total contributions:	4,455.96	14,265.62		4,963.57
Total budgeted expenses:	3,191.60	12,176.05	61,860.00	-49,684.77
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	1,264.36	2,089.57		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	236.00		
Total expenses:	3,191.60	14,201.05		
Contributions less total expenses:	1,264.36	64.57		

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Total Cash Balance: February 2020	17,002.94		25% of budget	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

Question: How do we collect money for AA when we have Zoom meetings. Each group would need to decide that. Venmo is a way to do that electronically.

**Chair Report;** Blaine H. Friends, obviously a lot has happened around the world since our last meeting. The viral pandemic has affected every aspect of our lives. Alcoholics Anonymous has not been immune to these changes. Many of our groups have been shut out of their meeting places. The General Service Conference will not take place in New York but rather will be conducted remotely employing the miracles of modern technology. Likewise this meeting is coming to you on Zoom. This worked rather well this past weekend for the first of our pre-Conference workshops. We plan a similar setup for the upcoming assembly. People can participate on a computer, tablet, or even a phone. As they were for this ACM, the instructions for using the Zoom feature will accompany the agenda for the assembly.

We should heed the words of the experts and follow their advice as to how to conduct ourselves in the coming weeks and months. This is not because of fear, but because it is the prudent and responsible thing to do. Our actions will affect not only our own wellbeing but that of our fellow citizens, young and old, healthy or sick. For the time being the hand of A.A. reaching out may well be an elbow. So be it. This too shall pass and we will survive, hopefully stronger than before. One distinct advantage will be the enforced use of technology in the way we conduct our affairs. Although nothing will ever take the place of one alcoholic reaching out to another, we may find that some of our administrative meetings and functions can be carried out remotely, reducing costs and allowing greater participation on the part of our members.

The following items area on the agenda for the ACM but I believe they need special mention and the attention of all involved in the activities of the ACM:

The Finance Committee and Treasurers motions are currently with the groups. Hopefully the additional information provided last month will assist the DCMs, GSRs, etc. in their evaluation. There is no rush as these will not come before an assembly until September.

Following the resignation of our Registrar, Bill S. has admirably moved into that role. We will need to have a special election for the position of Alternate Registrar. Currently that is planned for the May 16<sup>th</sup> assembly. Bill will be putting together a list of those eligible to stand and that will be distributed when available.

At the February ACM several districts announced that they had a surplus of funds and quite generously sponsored some Area members to go to PRAASA. Thank you! As an Area

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we would like to keep the \$ working and perhaps “fat” districts would consider joining with “lean” ones to sponsor a future assembly (9/12 and 11/7 come to mind), and/or consider joining with a committee to put on a workshop. Lots of opportunities!

In the interest of improving communication and the sharing of information within the Area, I would encourage the entities which have a presence on the website <area8aa.org>, specifically the districts and the standing committees, to post information regarding their activities. Minutes of meetings, notices, other items that would be of interest to Area members would be a start. Let's not keep our work a secret!

### **Delegate's Report:** Jerry S:

Our primary purpose is to stay sober and to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety. That is why I keep coming back and sacrificing myself in service to AA. My daily meditations seem to be working, because I can't seem to shake off the magnificent tide of drunks I get to work with today! And boy, the disease is real!

Before we continue, I just want to say thanks! Thank you to so many of you who have been actively juggling, fumbling and stumbling as your new responsibilities in service come into focus. What an exciting time to be sober and a chance beacon of hope for drunks struggling to find their way in! What a blessed time to be of service!

As many of you already know, the General Service Conference is transforming into a fully digital platform. I emailed each of you the GSO Whitepaper that outlines the Board's conclusions and communications on the subject. In brief, I am sure some of you have heard of the township north of central New York that has been completely quarantined. Well, the hotel where the Conference was planned to be was just 1 mile from the epicenter of that quarantine. So yeah ... we won't do that. I am sure that you, like me, have a ton of questions about the format, the process, the logistics, the costs, etc. All I can say is that the new format and the way things will work out is still very much under development. More will be revealed and as soon as I have useful information, I'll pass it on.

And to help other alcoholics achieve sobriety!

What are you doing to keep in touch with your sponsors, your sponsees, old names on that daily call list that you haven't talked to in a few years? How are you supporting your home group members as they struggle to bring the spirit of recovery to an online gathering space? Have you called your group secretary and thanked them for their efforts and offered yourself as a channel of support? Do you know of changes to meeting directories in AA Central SD and NC? Go to their websites and familiarize yourself with the notices regarding meeting suspensions and cancellations.

DCM's, now more than ever, we ask that you stay up-to-date with incoming emails. Every day you should have a window of attention to incoming emails that you might be responsible to push on to your GSRs. Much is changing from one day to the next and we must all do our best to keep the communication channel flowing and free of debris.

The logistics of our next online Assembly will become increasingly more clear as we get closer to the date and time. I will create as many different ways for a GSR to bring the conscience of their group to my attention. Snail mail, email, ZOOM surveys and online surveys. I have a broad idea of how to integrate the broadest level of participation. However, for that peace and ease to come, we must all step out of our comfort zones and enjoy the delicious taste of the unknown and the unknowable. It is our time to look up and remember our purpose, to listen to the beautiful music of our lives recreated and to dance in gray.

It takes a village and we are that village. It takes each of us to be who we are. I pray that you are fulfilled by this purpose as the weight of your cross increases and the course of his journey curves a little towards the cow pasture to the right, over a ditch and into old man's virtual reality.

It will take all of us to help each of us get back on the road to happy destiny. We got this!

Question: Gov just ordered stay at home orders for all of California, so how would we continue to go to at least the door of your home group to meet needy alcoholics. We can still do essential activities, having meetings is saving people's lives, which is essential.

Can we still hold our District meetings via Zoom//there are free Zoom meetings for 40minutes//

Can we use this address to hold Area Committee meetings? Chuck offered to help anyone who needs help with creating Zoom meetings.

This is a great opportunity for the Archives Committee to archive this time in history with the use of technology because of the Covid Virus effect on meeting in person.

**Alt Delegate's Report:** Monty C. : When I set down to write this report, it was going to much different. Some of the things that I was going to talk about, or mention is on hold or canceled. One of those things is the Spring Round Up. If I asked up you to be a panel or participate in the event, I'm sorry. I did find out that the event was cancelled. I am still waiting to hear if we will be refunded for registering for the event. I will reach out as soon as I hear anything.

Since we meet last month, I attended PRAASA in Tucson. It was a great event. I got to see some people that I hadn't seen in a long time. I got in town on Thursday, went right to dinner and caught the early meeting. The room was filled with passion about AA and PRAASA.

I enjoyed listening to the panels as they talked about topics that are very close to my heart. I attended the Alternate Delegates Round Table that night. I walked in feeling like I was missing something. I was able to talk about how I was feeling and soon come to realize that I wasn't the only person that felt the same way. It boosted me into the next gear. I have been running with that energy every since.

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The Alt Delegates have been communicating back and forth about different topics including like zoom and virtually meeting. We all have been working together to make sure the GSR' are informed and what have worked and what hasn't working during this difficult time.

We have set a date for Founders/Unity Day Family Picnic. June 13, 2020 at Harry Griffin Park. The address is 9550 Mildred Street La Mesa CA 91942. I will see if we can add the flyer to the website. I will be asking all of the committees to participate in this event. There will be more information to follow.

With everything up in the air, as I am made aware of information, I will pass it along.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

JoAnn

### **Two minute Liaison Committee Reports:**

- Coordinating Council-SD: Pete-NP
- North County Intergroup: Mike: moving our office in April
- Oficina Central Hispana-SD:NP
- Oficina Intergrupar Condado Norte: NP
- Oficina Central Sur, Chula Vista NO longer active
- GSDYPAA:.
- Native American Liaison: Wolf:
- NSDYPAA- Derrick Cancelled their weekend event this weekend.

### **Old Business:**

- **Audio Equipment AdHoc Committee** JoAnn-someone from North County dropped the ball, but he is willing to help us//maybe table this until we are meeting again//Post Conference Assy May 16 (?)

Michael and Troy are helping JoAnn

- **Military Outreach Tiffany Had** monthly meeting on Sunday//group grew//we had a Zoom meeting//Committee is growing to include Area 9//Karen is building a website for the Military Committee//Immediate Needs//thank you to district 4 and whoever supported my way to PRAASA//it was wonderful
- **Finance and Treasurer Motions Update** These motions are out to the groups and hopefully the clarifications were given out at the last ACM//should be posted on the website//and it will be done by Karen, webservant

### **New Business:**

- Pre-Conference Assembly 3/28/2020jerry//logistics similar to what we are used to. Business account on zoom has language translation. ASL well coordinated. Losing participation but appears to be an upturn. Help gsrs come to an understanding that this next step is easy to use. Help gsrs to ensure that what their groups want is brought to the area assembly. Business as

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usual, finding new quirky ways to get everyone interested to make online experience fun. Contact Jerry with ideas.//Monty: Idea to move assembly back one week still being considered?//Jerry: not sure at this point. //Jerry: DCMs send email to gsr to see if they would be available for the assembly if the push it to april 4th? Need email from DCMs with a response of the feeling of GSRs.//Chuck: biggest concern is GSRs have not had time to get an informed group conscience.//Paul: considering doing both during one weekend.//but that really isn't how I would like to do it//people are also able to write their comments on the workbook from the pre Conference Workshops and send it in to Jerry//attending members were reminded about the right of decision that the GSRs have if they don't have time to get back to their groups//Refund from the Reagan facility for Assy will go for ASL for Assy on Zoom//Query your GSRs if they want to push the Assembly back to April 4th//

- Posting Committee & District Material on the Website entities should post minutes of their meetings//how to post to website, told it had to approved by policy//policy no longer does that//will take care of off line//
- Notice of election of a new Alternate Registrar: Our Registrar, Bill, has moved into the role as David had resigned//we will need an election to replace the alt. Registrar at the May Assy.
- PRAASA Debrief. Particularly first time attendees report back //ran out ofPRASSA packets how can we get one???// Ted-amazing and spiritual experience. The Roundtables were great, a lot of good feedback. //Tiffany had a great time, loved the round tables. Met with a navy vet from oregon. Bonded on the road trip. Area 8 thank you for sponsoring her trip.// had issues with headsets at PRAASA.
- Districts on notice-Making \$ Work- Workshops, etc.// Several Districts had excess of funds and sponsored members attending PRASSA. Considering helping leaner districts with sponsoring workshops. // Districts should ask GSRs to check with groups on what they would like the District to do. Maybe a District would consider putting on an Akron workshop, or Concept workshop. Digital communication in AA. Districts with extra money in coffers should put them to use. DCMs with no funds should look at this as an opportunity to reach out to other districts. // will be bidding on two assemblies, sept 12th and nov. 7th. // District 18 loved the speakers at PRASSA and Jerry's apology.
- Area Assemblies-9/12/2020 and 11/7/2020

**Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.**

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

**Next Assembly: Assembly- Pre Conference Assembly  
Stay tuned for announcements**