

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee Meeting
November 19, 2020 Minutes**

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Area Committee Meeting

The Area Committee meets monthly on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 7 PM to 10 PM. 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 7:01 pm by Blaine, Area 8 Chair-, 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 the 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

Registrar's Report: Bill S.: no report **Quorum was met**
Introductions of any new members to the ACM: none

Approval of October 2020 and September 2020 Area Committee Minutes:

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, Renee R. 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*
- September's ACM minutes were approved
- October's ACM minutes were approved.

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 Treasurer.
- Please make sure to submit any reimbursements before the end of the year.

October 2020	October Actual	YTD	2020 Budget 61,860.00	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	2,860.54	30,614.35		31245.65
Individual contributions:	95.60	4,384.63		
District contributions:	0.00	3,000.00		
Total contributions:	2,956.14	38,548.00	61,860.00	23311.02
Total budgeted expenses:	1,650.11	26,929.48		-34,930.52
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	1,306.03	11,619.50		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	254.25	254.25		
Total expenses:	1,786.36	28,459.73		
Contributions less total expenses:	1,051.78	10,089.25		
Total Cash Balance: September 2020	27,503.60		25% of budget	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

Questions: Cheryl requesting an unbudgeted expense for \$146.50 for postage and ink//is this enough to get you through December?-ans: yes//motion passes//

Blaine suggesting to post individual group contributions on the website//needs a GSO number or Net Suite number//

you yet, I didn't get about you. My job has gotten a little busy in the past few weeks. I will be sending out emails to confirm a time to drop off GSR Literature.

As I reflect on Thanksgiving, I am very grateful that AA has given me a life beyond my wildest dreams. Even though I am not able to be with family and friends, my heart is surrounding in love. I am thankful for my recovery and General Service. It keeps me connected even when I do not want to be connected.

Chairperson's Report: Blaine H.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Budget Assembly earlier this month. Cheryl, Joshua, and the Finance Committee did a great job under trying circumstances. We have a Spending Plan for 2021. We know that there will be changes that will need to be made as the year progresses. I believe that our experience with the reallocation process will allow us to deal with those changes in a more effective manner.

And speaking of the reallocation, I want to thank ALL who took the effort to create proposals for those funds. It is unfortunate that not all could be approved but I do believe the process (thank you Jerry) enabled us to accurately gauge the will of the Assembly in a fair manner. Please don't burn those proposals or tear them up like a losing ticket at Del Mar. We already know that there will be unused budgeted \$ next year. Perhaps some of those and others will be able to be funded.

We will find out this evening that the reallocation came just in time to rescue the Gold Can Fund. That very important arm of the Accessibilities Committee which provides ASL interpretation for our local meetings had been depleted as the demand for services had not waned but contributions had fallen dramatically. In order to carry out our primary purpose we need to provide that mechanism for the deaf and hard of hearing to be able to attend our meetings. If you don't recall, that reallocation proposal was given #2 priority by the Assembly. Hurray for us!

The Four-Area DCM sharing Session is an annual event with the four SoCal areas (5, 8, 9, and 93) participating. As you may recall this past year the event was held June 28th and was hosted by Area 93. Next year, 2021, is our year to host this event. I will be looking for volunteers to participate in its planning and execution. One problem when deciding on dates is the need to plan for a possible in-person event when everything is currently shut down.

While Alcoholics Anonymous seems to be surviving during the pandemic, and our adjustment to it using technology to carry the message may help us in the long run, there are concerns about the health of our districts and our standing committees. We, as Area officers are here to help in any way we can. Please let us know your status and if there are problems.

Last month we asked for help in forming an ad-hoc committee to plan the process for conducting an inventory on communication. I have seven volunteers and would like more. Adrian, Angelina, Bill S., Lynda, Lynn E., Natalie, and Jerry S. need not apply. I have you already. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS: ROOTS 11/29, Hispanic Women's Workshop 12/5.

Delegate's Report: Jerry S.: These past few months have been heavy with details of need and special action. I have asked that each of you in some way reach out and inspire leadership in unique ways due to these unique times. And for that I am grateful. Thank you!

Tonight, however, I don't have much to report.

We made through our 5th Assembly of our service year together mostly unscathed and without too much anxiety or frustration.

So as I have begun to meditate on where we've come and where we're going, I just wanted to share some of those contemplations. In our 4th Step we are introduced to dozens of questions that draw us into reflection and consideration and hopefully guide a realization of past behaviors and objectionable characteristics. And the 9th of 9 questions tucked into our Sex Inventory asks us, "what would we have done differently." Its from this question that a new ideal is born. A new way of thinking, seeing, speaking and acting. A pathway towards growth and healing. This question can be applied to all that we do and as we look forward to our Area Inventory, I hope that we can each be guided by this question. What can we do differently? What new ideal can guide us and shape our shared and most sacred purpose as we look into 2021?

Each of us is but a small part of a greater whole; a larger truth; a bigger purpose. Our way of life and of loving one another must continue or most of us will surely die. Hence our common welfare comes first. This we owe to 2021.

This year has been rough. In a lot of ways, one of the most challenging years our fellowship has known since the earliest days of its beginning. And next year will probably be tougher, wrought with its own challenges and tribulations. However there is nothing that we cannot overcome so long as we stay together, so long as we continue to sacrifice self for a shared experience in unity; in community.

I was saddened that at the end of our assembly, we were either introduced to or reminded of a sense of being amongst us that feels

marginalized, disenfranchised from our structure and proceedings, challenged to be heard and fundamentally left out of; not included. If true unity is to be our guide, then maybe its time for many of us to listen to those who are handicapped and struggling to engage our fellowship effectively. If we are to be truly guided by an ideal, an ideal upon which we all can all agree on, then maybe it will require those that are heard from the most, or have the slickest of technological tools at their disposal to actively listen to those who are barely connected and literally isolated. We must become willing to trade our problems for their possibilities. We must humble ourselves before one another, set aside old ideas and actively listen, especially to those that are communicating from a space of hurt. Let these principles guide us as we look forward to our Inventory together buoyed by the hope that a divine and loving expression will express itself through us. An expression that will inspire and support us as we look forward. An expression that will bring us direction and enthusiasm as we reach the hand of AA towards the suffering of alcoholism into tomorrow and throughout our year ahead. This we owe to 2021.

In the immortal words of Rudyard Kipling:

“If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
 To serve your turn long after they are gone,
 And so hold on when there is nothing in you
 Except the Will which says to them: ‘Hold on!’

...

If you can fill the unforgiving minute
 With sixty seconds’ worth of distance run,
 Yours is the Earth and everything that’s in it...”

I pray you know satisfaction in the work that you have done to this point. However, know this: The heavy lift is yet to come.

We can do it. So long as we do it together.

My prayers are with you and yours this Thanksgiving Holiday.

Ques: Have you received any Conference Agenda Items from the Area yet? ans-no

Alt Delegate’s Report: Monty C.

Not much to report this month, hope everyone is well. If u r rotating out, look at what you can do for the area. Alot accomplished at the last assembly, thankful for my recovery and general service.

I do not have too much to report this month. I hope all of you are doing well and hanging there. Even though your committees or districts are not able to meet in person, General Service still happens. There are several districts and committee chairs that will be rotating out in December. If you haven't discuss electing a chair at this point, you should. I mention last month about the spirit of rotation. If you are rotating out, I hope that you are looking and praying about what you can do next for the area. We could use your expertise and help. Service does not happen by itself. We need you.

If you missed the Assembly earlier this month, you missed out. I thought it was great. We got a lot accomplished. I appreciate you all working together to make this all happen. I am sure some of your groups still have questions about some of the items. As the DCM and Committee Chair, this will be a great way to enlarge the communication path that happens within the districts and members in the area.

I mention at the last ACM and the GSR School/Orientation that I would be willing to drop off some literature. I still have some email to return and deliveries to make. If I have not contact

Two minute Liaison Committee Reports: Joann Z.-not present

- Coordinating Council-SD: Pete: we met last Thursday and established a quorum//Central Office will be conducting the year end inventory//2021 Budget was presented to the council//we have put together an ad-hoc committee for hiring a new Office Manager to replace Connie who is retiring//what's happening with the Meeting Guide App? It is currently tabled, we had created an ad-hoc committee for it//but it isn't currently in use because of Covid shut down
- North County Intergroup: Mike M.:

1.

The North County AA Hotline continues to be answered 24/7/365

2. **Big Books** remain on sale at least \$2 less than usual
3. **Bookstore Hours** have been expanded for "Curbside" sales, as follows:
 - => MON 11am - 3pm
 - => TUE 11am - 3pm
 - => THU 11am - 3pm
 - => SAT 9am - 1pm

It's best to call ahead (760-758-2515) to place your order. Payment by credit card is preferred. We have a table setup just outside our front door and will have hand sanitizer available there as well.
4. Thus far, the Intergroup Outreach Committee has received replies from 37 Rep's who recently attended the monthly meeting. As soon as the COVID restrictions are sufficiently relaxed, the committee will visit other groups and invite them to join us for the monthly Intergroup meeting
 - => 2nd Wednesday at 7pm
 - => Zoom Meeting ID: 318 406 912
5. Oficina Central Hispana-SD: NP
6. Oficina Intergrup al Condado Norte: Marcela-
7. Oficina Central Sur, Chula Vista NO longer active
8. GSDYPAA: NP
9. NSDYPAA Andy: NP
10. Native American Liaison: Wolf: NP
11. East County Intergroup: NP
12. Hispanic Women's Workshop-NP

Old Business:

- **Reallocation of Funds-Results** Cheryl F and Joshua H.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Final-Reallocation-Results.xls>
x

Question: when was this sent to the groups? This was discussed and presented at the last ACM and it has been talked about prior to the Assembly for the GSRs to take back to their groups- for 2 months.

- **Virtual Groups Ad-hoc Committee Update:** new chair and need for members=Jean S.

Jean was not present//the committee needs more members//they are listing questions to be sent out to virtual groups//many groups will continue virtually after covid//2 Weds of month at 7:30pm//

- **Area Inventory on Communication**-Blaine H.

We are going to meet Saturday at 9am//anyone is welcome and the Zoom info will be posted in chat//purpose to chart the process of the inventory//we do not currently have a method of reaching out to all doing service in Area 8//there are many communication issues in the area//zoom id

Master Calendar: Jo Anne: The master calendar is non-existent but flyers for workshops were emailed out by the Chair. Zoom numbers may be 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. Corrections will be made by tomorrow. Send any changes or corrections to Joann.

Joanne was not present to give Calendar report

Birthdays: 7 persons celebrated a birthday since the last meeting. Mike 14 yrs //roxanne 37 yrs//chuck 45 yrs//adrian 5 yrs//jerry 9 yrs//richard 12 yrs//angelina 14 yrs

Break pm -pm no break-too early

New Business:

- **Status of Gold Can Fund**-Robert/Jeffrey
The check should arrive by midweek next week of the reallocated fund amount//Jeffrey sent out a letter-the committee has completely drained it's reserve so they have no cushion even with the reallocation money//they need about \$2,000 to refill their prudent reserve//the Gold Can still needs regular funding//the ASL service will go on uninterrupted//How is your prudent reserve fulfilled? Prudent reserve is based on 3 months of ASL service//5 meetings currently received money for interpretation//we have enough to get us thru the next year for meeting interpretation
- **Health of our Districts**-Blaine H. would like to know if districts are having problems.
- **Request to create an ad-hoc committee to outline communication of the Area's Finances to the Groups**-Jane G. NP
- **Four Area DCM Sharing Session**-Blaine H.
Last June it was held virtually//2021 we will be hosting//it has usually been held in February and if so, it would be virtual at that time//Feb 28, 2021 might work for the other areas//we need a first year DCM to help plan this event//
- **Zoom Czar jerry has been doing the zoom accounts for our area and other areas.** Create a position for someone to handle the Zoom accounts. Coordination

zoom licensing for all our committee. One year commitment from within the body.//all committee chairs are able to license. //Chuck volunteered//Cheryl, is the Chair going to be responsible for putting all this together. Who will she receive check request from.//Jerry has been carrying the Zoom burden for our area and 9 other areas. Master account holder for our Area, Ideally any check request would be for service for an entire year.//

Break 816-8:30pm

- **Registrar-Request for unbudgeted expense \$180 for PDF fillable Forms-Bill S.** Adobe pdf forms for online registration forms at \$15 per month//but to make this available to the Area//Translation would greatly benefit with this account and I need to budget it for next year//\$175 for one year subscription for the use for the Area//Cheryl suggests it be taken out of Registrar's money under Capital Equipment//no need for unbudgeted expense

DISTRICT REPORTS (Districts submitted reports digitally or on report form) 2 min. -

Odd districts report this month.

District 1: Brian- NP

District 2 :Jeremy-

District 3:John:NP

District 4: Chuck P.:

District 5: Dave F We are still working to add GSRs from unrepresented meeting

With Zoom as the new norm, 7th Tradition continues to be a challenge – many meetings are reluctant to set up Venmo, PayPal, etc. due to personal info needed. However, some members are stepping up with individual contributions for GSO and SDAA

District 6: Natalie: I am stepping down and Maire will be the next DCM

District 7 Allison-Renea: we got a new GSR

District 8:

District 9: Lorie W.

District 10: Paul K.:

District 11: Linda-

District 12:Cindy: our district "sucks"//so many of our meetings are not meeting right

now//we now have half the number of GSRs//we can't get these positions filled//but persons

filling these positions don't need to be a GSR, so that is hopeful.

District 13: Ronnie; NP

District 14: Patrick;

District 15: Marcela: NP

District 16: Ted:

District 17: Santiago; NP

District 18: Carlos:

District 19: Adrian O. Our District Meeting on Tuesday, September 1st, 2020 was attended by 11 GSRs and District Officers.

- Alkathon Meeting Raffle is Saturday 11/21 @ 2:00 PM on Zoom **Meeting ID: 710 066 4263**
Passcode: nye
- District was able to contribute \$300 to SD Central Office, \$500 to both GSO and ASL
- Still looking for a Registrar, and Alternate-DCM to rotate in on 1/1/2021
- District 6, 11, and 19 participating in NYE Alkathon Ad Hoc Planning Committee. Live and Let Live Alano Club meeting may be canceled depending on SD County Coronavirus Tier

:District 20: Flint N:

District 21: Rick;(Wigs) District Summary:

Rick, our DCM, opened the meeting with the Serenity Prayer.

Birthdays:

Congratulations to James for four years of sobriety in October!!!!

Last Meeting's Minutes:

October's Minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report:

Dave presented the October treasurer's report which was approved as submitted.

Ending balance is \$5,284.73.

Registrar:

There were no updates to our D-21 Roster.

ACM Report:

Current bank balance at the area is about \$26,048.50.

GSO financial difficulties could use support from all.

Want projects for spending of the funds the Area has – not spending the money on our usual costs – mileage and rent – because of COVID-19. We should hear about the decisions made about this at the budget assembly.

Delegate's Report is on the Area 8 website.

All Area Standing Committees need participation. Anyone can be on the committees.

Roots – 11/29.

Old Business:

No requests from Newcomers for Big Books and 12x12s last month

New Business:

Discussed upcoming Budget Assembly.

Gathering information on good Zoom meetings occurring around the globe. Will collate and publish.

D-21 Election Results:

DCM: Terri H.

Alt. DCM: Kenny H.

Secretary: Sahara H.

Treasurer: Diana A.

Registrar: Dave E.

Guest:

None

GSR Roundtable:

Good discussions. Main observation is that attendance is declining with the exception of the RBEBers.

The next District 21 meeting will be at 6:30pm on 3 December, 2020 at the Peñasquitos Lutheran Church in

Carmel Mountain Ranch. If it remains closed, we will meet via Zoom. Instructions will be sent out to all as part of the Agenda.

District 22: Lynda

District 23: Darryl: Due to the rise in Covid 19 cases meeting have started meeting outside.

News from our Dist.23

Our last District meeting was on October 22nd and was attended by 8 GSR's.

Joshua from finance was our guest.

Our next DCM will be Shone S., he volunteered for the position.

Secretary and treasurer positions will need to be filled

Standing Committee Reports:

Accessibilities: Robert/Jeffrey:

Grapevine/La Vina Committee: Lynn E- We need more members//we would like to rebuild our relationship with La Vina//

Archives-John B.-ROOTS, ROOTS, ROOTS!!

IT: Chuck M.

Armed Services: Tiffany-thank you for the reallocation funds

Finance: Joshua;

Translation: Richard: One of our members stepped down//we need to work on building relationships right now//we are down to 4 members

Literature: Sasha.: Hello,

Please open and share. Copy, cut and paste as you see fit for your meetings.

Thank you,

Sasha JD

Area 8 Literature chair

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Acmlist@area8aa.org

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NCAIC (H&I): Michael H.: The North County H&I committee is currently conducting weekly virtual panels for all of its facilities and is conducting in-person panels at two facilities while following all safety guidelines. We are holding elections for

Board positions this Saturday Nov 21 at 9:30, there are several open positions. For more information and to join our committee, virtual or in-person panels, contact us at northcountyhandi@gmail.com or Michael H 619-481-1714.

Policy: Ernest D The Structure and Guidelines update will be presented at the next ACM and is being translated by our Translation Team//we are also short of people

Newsletter: Roxane R. The newsletter is published 5 times each year and should be available in two languages before each Area 08 Assembly. This is not an easy task. The second and third assemblies are usually only a month apart. We are currently publishing this newsletter with one editor and no members. I have recruited one member, the DCM from District 7, and I am grateful for her willingness to serve. I am going to start zooming a meeting for new committee members on the 4th Wednesday of each month, in the evenings at 6:30 pm to allow for attendance at regular AA meetings. This has not been started yet. The meeting will be one hour or less and our main objective is to acquire articles from members of the assembly or members of AA at large so that we can continue to publish a newsletter that is diverse and interesting with the focus of service in AA. Please consider becoming a member of this committee, if only to submit your own articles of interest.

SD H&I: Gerry S.:

Young People's (YPAACC): Kim W.:

Closing: Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

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

Next Assembly:

On Zoom

Orientation Assembly
January 2021

