

**San Diego-Imperial Area Committee Meeting
October 15, 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 7:00 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.: The Registrar's web page at area8.org has been updated and now offers registration forms to register at both the Area and GSO level. These are pdf fillable forms that can be filled out on your computer and returned via email.

In addition to the standard forms for new GSRs, DCMs, Committee Chairs, New Groups and group changes, there is also a GSO newly designed and specific registration form for our New Virtual – online or Zoom meeting Groups. I have just this month registered 3 new such groups that intend to be permanent on Zoom. Plus another 3 existing groups who had not been previously registered.

Most importantly, is the added form for Group Contacts (seeking the 85% of our groups without a GSR) to attain the ability to communicate with the majority of our local membership. Please contact me if you or your committee members (home group members and sponsees perhaps) would like to help in this effort.

Also on the web page, is something I hope you will find of interest. The Area's current statistics of the estimated number of members (standing at 29,169), and the number of groups (standing at 1,113) and the number of weekly meetings (standing at 1,641.)

A footnote about this; the member and group count only accounts for the groups that are registered with GSO and the Area. By my estimation, there are approximately 200 groups that are not registered within the Area and therefore remain unrecognized in terms of the GSO count. With your help we hope to capture and register these groups soon.

The web page can be found on the area web site – under the title link *Area Information* and then by clicking on *Registrar*.

Quorum was met for the ACM tonight

Approval of 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 not translated in time to present to the Area Committee, they are forwarded to next month for approval.

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.

September 2020	September Actual	YTD	2020 Budget 61,860.00	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	1,355.68	27,753.81		34106.19
Individual contributions:	311.62	4,2898.03		

District contributions:	0.00	3,000.00		
Total contributions:	1,667.30	35,592.84	61,860.00	26267.16
Total budgeted expenses:	1,728.87	25,449.24		-36,410.76
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	-61.57	10,143.60		
Total unbudgeted expenses:	0.00	1,026.00		
Total expenses:	1,728.87	26,475.24		
Contributions less total expenses:	-61.57	9,117.60		
Total Cash Balance: September 2020	26,048.50		25% of budget	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

Questions: payment for the 3 Interpreters at the ACM and Assembly, it should be \$125 and \$250 at Assemblies-there is nothing in writing for that//an official document will be produced addressing this//Cheryl was told \$35 per hour and that is what is paid//about 5 years ago there was a document increasing to \$35 but nothing since//Last month we budgeted for 35 issues of La Vina-line N 05//have the Spanish Interpreters been receiving the amount you expected, we have been being paid \$105 not \$125 for ACMs//the document will be terms and conditions//

Chair Report: Blaine H We are now seven months into the COVID shutdown and there seems to be no end in sight. I believe that Alcoholics Anonymous and its members have survived at least as well as the general population. Virtual meetings have expanded our horizons and made things like “doing 90 in 90” a lot easier and cheaper – zero gas guzzling and no wear and tear on the old '89 Geo Metro. While there is no substitute for handshakes and hugs, as one person told me, “At least now I can see my friends faces and not the backs of their heads!”

Our finances are in great shape, to the extent that we have more money in the treasury than we anticipate spending before the end of the year. While the groups have remained generous in their support of the Area, our expenses have dropped because we no longer are having live events which require costs such as rent and mileage. Tonight, we will

have a report on some of the projects which have been submitted by the Fellowship in order to use these funds for good purposes within Area 8. As you know a portion of our excess year-end funds is sent to GSO and that is also money well spent.

Speaking of money, on November 7th we will have our Budget Assembly. As you may know the process of developing our budget for the following year begins in February. The 2021 budget, or more specifically the Area spending plan, will reflect plans for a “normal” year. Most will agree that 2020 has been anything but “normal”, but no one can predict the extent of the shutdown in 2021. We will deal with things as they come and hopefully make adjustments along the way.

Tonight, we will hear a motion proposing dissolution of the Agenda Committee. The committee has been dormant and not met since the shutdown. Its prescribed duties are adequately being handled in other ways. It should be noted that there is no mention of the need for an area agenda committee in the Service Manual and, as far as we can tell, there is only one other area (out of 93) which has had one.

Lastly, I will call your attention to some upcoming events which will take place on Zoom. Pandemic Pandemonium Town Hall #2 will be next Thursday (10/22). The first one was great, the sequel should be even better! The final Budget Workshop is scheduled for 10/31. Last chance to get your questions answered in a more intimate setting than the cavernous Assembly Hall. Finally remember our ROOTS, scheduled for Sunday 11/29, a new format this year. And, just when you thought the party was over – a virtual New Year’s Alkathon! Flyers for all these events are on the website <area8aa.org> CU there!

Delegate’s Report: Jerry S. So, for the first time since serving as Delegate, I have very little to report. I have been asked to serve as the technical lead in managing Area 05’s Election Assembly this Sunday. I have put together a small, yet bold team of volunteers to see us through the very technical procedures that Area 05 has put in place. If you would like to see how they have designed our 3rd Legacy Procedure in action, please be sure to stop by and check it out. Area 05 Election Assembly ID: 838 4253 9713 PW: area05 Great news! GSO is organizing an all-Eastern and an all-Western Forum on December 5th thru the 6th and 19th thru the 20th respectively. Your Regional Delegates have been asked to essentially design the weekend events. I am excited to be participating in the “Rediscovering the Grapevine” workshop. Our small organizing committee met last night, and I am pretty pumped! Its going to be informative, interactive and deliciously spicy.

Alt Delegate’s Report: Monty C. As the year starts to come to an end, some of your will start to rotate. When I was the Chair, I made a statement to the ACM to rotate on and not out. This statement still has a strong meaning today. We cannot have made some of the decisions or got to where we are without you. You have lots of information and background to continue to the conversation into the future.

Tradition 9 states, rotating leadership is the best. Building a pipeline of leaders is part of what we have been doing for many years. You have been chosen to be apart of something bigger than yourself. That legacy has to continue for the still suffering alcoholic who has yet to find the rooms of AA.

As an officer, its part our duties to assist your district or committee in the 3rd legacy election process. If you would like one of us to join your district or committee to help with the elections, please let one of us know.

Other officers are starting to be elected in the United States and Canada. The emails are starting to come in with election results. I know that the Delegate will be helping Area 5 with their election this weekend. If you would like to see how the process works, please join in. If you need the Zoom link, let me know.

Since our last ACM, I made an in-person visit to district 18. They had lots of questions that I tried to answer to the best of my ability. We engaged in conversation about the General Service Conference, Area 08 present and future, and a host of general items.

I also visited District 15 along with the Delegate. The Delegate was able to give a brief report about the General Service Conference. The GSRs were interested but the floor was opened to what questions and concerns that had. I got a chance to speak and ask how the meetings in the districts were going? How many were meeting in person versus on Zoom. How hard or easy that was for there members to meet on Zoom. I got some great feedback that I will be delivering to the Virtual Ad-hoc Committee.

Now, I am going to ask each District and Committee to go to the Area Website to check if your Zoom info is correct. You may be wondering why I am asking. I attempted to attend a committee meeting by the info that is posted on our website. I was not able to access the meeting with this information. The Chair was not able to attend either. Please get the IT/Website committee and review what is posted.

I will remind the DCMs that our committees still could use some help. Please pass the message along to your GSRs that every committee could use some help. With everything else going on in 2020, the committees have not had any new members. I believe this is something that we need to address and take note of. If the committees do not have any GSR, who is going to do the work? Food for thought.

I have started to drop off some GSR material around the county. If you have a new GSR that could use a service manual or other materials that they would normally receive from the GSR School/ Orientation, please give them my email. I will set up arrangements and get them material.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Questions: how can a DCM or GSR continue to be involved at the Area Level if they are terming out//You can be a Volunteer on a Committee to continue at the Area Level, but how can these persons be involved at the District Level, can these persons serve in a service position in the District even though they are no longer GSR's//Ans: yes

Two minute Liaison Committee Reports: Joann Z.

- Coordinating Council-SD: Pete: we met on Zoom Oct 8//we established a quorum//3 Standing Committee Reports//Connie L has submitted her resignation for Jan 1//So there will be a job opening//applications accepted until Dec 15, 2020 //Question: have there been any plans made about the Anniversary

Breakfast in November? The Program Committee doesn't have anything set at this time//yes we could use help//orig Nov 18th

- North County Intergroup: Mike M.: Nothing to report//we are struggling with what to do for the Traditions Breakfast
- Oficina Central Hispana-SD: NP
- Oficina Intergrup al Condado Norte: Marcela-
- Oficina Central Sur, Chula Vista NO longer active
- GSDYPAA:. NP
- NSDYPAA Andy: NP
- Native American Liaison: Wolf:
- East County Intergroup: NP
- Hispanic Women's Workshop-Alicia-we are working very hard//topic is Inclusive not Exclusive//it will be a mixed event with men included//5 remaining La Vina subscriptions are designated for this committee-can you share this with the committee//December 5, 2020

Old Business:

- **Area Survey Update- Kim**-I am the new chair//the survey closes tonight 950 member and 95 groups responses (approx)
- **Reallocation of Funds-Cheryl and Joshua**
https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/20_07GSO-Send-off.pdf

We have left over funds that won't be used by the end of the year//we have put out a request for proposals on how to use that money//and we have received a number back//tonight we will not debate these proposals individually or as a whole//this is an unprecedented issue in our Area//If they don't pass, then the funds can go to GSO at year's end.

List link is above//if you have any questions you can contact the various entities requesting funds//you have received all the letters in a packet//total would be \$43,489.23 if all passed, so we can't approve everything-take this list back to your groups to decide what to select//there is about \$12,000 now and maybe \$15,000 by December//Richard from Translation-a request will be submitted for translation equipment-\$4,500-\$5,000 about//our current equipment is being refurbished-they need new cleaning and to be tuned, so Richard will know the numbers better later when the equipment is all checked out//Roxane-Grapevine subscriptions were not given out at the GV Workshop, like usual, so they might add that on to their line item-to be discussed at the Assembly//Cheryl and Joshua should go back to those who submitted requests to have them re-assess because of the difference between actual and requested//Why 14 Zoom Accounts-there have been only 2 business accounts used since the pandemic and Jerry S and Chuck can't always be the hosts for all the uses//Each

Committee should have one and the Chair should have one//Grapevine has been ok with subscriptions but La Vina is normally distributed to persons attending Workshops and that's why we requested 25 subscriptions for giving to the 2 Spanish Districts//the Zoom expense could be offset by the rent paid to Central Office for monthly meetings//\$450 going to Spanish Women's Workshop normally won't be needed this year, but will need to be part of the budget for next year//

DCMs take these back to your groups for group conscious on where the Area wants to spend their money-so please rank them for what you feel most strongly about//the Assembly in November is the time to debate these proposals//Final vote probably won't be done at the Nov Assembly because of time constraint//We may have a special Assy to have the voting on these proposals//Dec 6 a Sunday night looks like it might be the best date for that//If we can't vote on these, the worst thing is that the money will go to GSO, which isn't a bad thing//What time on Dec 6-morning? The issue is getting a quorum and likely not be achieved//we should do this at the Assembly because we will probably have a quorum//Decided to hold voting on Nov 7 at the Assembly//Many groups are not happy with the Area because of making decisions without the group's input//we could put off the GSO send off and do the voting at the January Assy//this will be voted at the Assy on the 7th//Motion: postpone the GSO send off due to Covid 19 and the consideration of the reallocation of funds for 30 days//seconded, discussion-this would cause a change in the S&G which would take 2 Assys//this would be a one time vote requiring 2/3ds majority//if the 2/3s doesn't happen, then this couldn't be voted on in January//if this motion does not get 2/3rds majority, then we can still vote in November//At the Assembly, we will give the body the ability to either vote on the proposals or the motion//question called//vote on calling the question-passed//vote on the motion-passes

- **Virtual Groups Ad Hoc Committee Update-Blaine H.** What's happening with the meetings on Zoom and what the future looks like-we are forming questions around this.

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.

Birthdays: 2 persons celebrated a birthday since the last meeting.
Break 8:47 pm -9pm

New Business:

- **Area Inventory-Blaine H. 2017** was the last time we did inventory of the Area and we do this couple of years//this year we will do something different-one item inventory on Communication//We need an Ad Hoc Committee-volunteers? Angelina, Natalie, Jerry S., Adrian, Bill S., Lynn E, Lynda
- **Motion to Dissolve Agenda Committee-Monty C.** the committee should be dissolved when it is done serving it's purpose//Motion read and proposed by Monty//Joshua seconded//vote for recommendation to the Assy//motion passes
- **Unbudgeted Expense Request from Grapevine/La Vina Committee-Lynn E-** withdrawn
- **New Standing Committee Request/Assignment Form** Joann Z (NP)
- **Budget Assembly (11/7) Update** Nov 7, there will be a lot to do! Agenda is being written
- **Events-PP Town Hall #2 (10/22)**
Budget Workshop (10/31)
Roots (11/29)

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

District 1: Brian-

District 2 :Jeremy- still meeting via Zoom, nothing to report

District 3:John:

District 4: Chuck P.: continues to meet via Zoom, as are most meetings in D 4//a few rogue meetings in the park in person//some GSRs are terming out

District 5: Dave F

District 6: Natalie: just had our meeting on Monday-we will continue on Zoom for the year//I am rotating out and Laura will be the DCM//we are working on the Alkathon//we are very busy and it will be virtual with some in person at a club on Park and University//we need some participation

District 7: Allison;

District 8: Angelina not much going on//many churches are opening up to us now//but we must follow protocols// some wish to stay on Zoom so we are doing both//there are some meetings in person//several GSRs said that there are new people coming to meetings//there were 9 of us at the District meeting//several of our groups have posted at Central that they are in person//we are hoping to have an Alkathon at Pioneers, but there was a Covid outbreak there.

District 9: Lorie W.

District 10: Paul K.: no one showed up for the 2nd month in a row//treasurer stepped down//we have always been low participation

District 11: Linda-

District 12:Cindy: NP

District 13: Ronnie;

District 14: Patrick; had audio problems

District 15: Marcela:

District 16: Ted: we are alive and well and financially we are doing well//we are trying to decide what to do with our funds, we have made large contributions to GSO, if anyone needs help with funding, please write it up and come to our District meeting//GSR reports are very positive and that many newcomers are coming to meetings//some GSRs have mentioned that they aren't having enough time to bring things to their groups//and for this reason the groups don't want to send money to the Area//please consider the groups because they want to have a voice

District 17: Santiago;

District 18: Carlos: we are working with groups that have closed their doors//3 groups have opened up//

District 19: Adrian O.

District 20: Flint N: Jerry came to our Aug meeting and we appreciated his visit//7-8 meetings never closed and now 15 are open and we get visitors from other districts who want to go to in person meetings

District 21: Rick;(Wigs) District Summary:

- Terri, our Alt. DCM, opened the meeting via Zoom with the Serenity Prayer.
- 6 GSRs were present plus our DCM, our usual guest plus our speaker.
- The DCM was silent as he was in recovery mode from surgery.
- Fess celebrated 32 years!! A Huge Congratulations Fess!!
- We approved September's Minutes.
- September's Treasurer's Report was tabled due to absence.

Registrar:

- There were no updates to our D-21 Roster.

ACM Report:

- Current bank balance at Area 8 is: \$26,048.50.
- Grapevine/LaViña workshop 10/10, 9 am – 12 noon.
- Newsletter committee revitalized with Roxane and Monty. New issue available.
- GSO financial difficulties are much less than were in early months of Covid 19.
- Area 8 wants projects for spending of funds – not spending the money on our usual costs – mileage and rent – because of covid 19.
- Delegate's Report is on the Area 8 website.
- Area Assembly went well. We had a special speaker – new Non-AA Trustee.
- GSO has a new CFO. Had a strategic planning session last month.
- Area Survey going well. If you haven't done it, please do.
- Budget workshops still going on. One will be 10/31.
- All Area Standing Committees need participation. Anyone can be on the committees.
- Roots is on 11/29/20.

Old Business:

- We had four requests last month for newcomer Big Books and 12 x 12's. Please remember to let any newcomers in your meetings know that the district will provide them with a Big Book and a 12 x 12. Have them email Terri (Alt. DCM) for these.

- Tom reported that his group has temporarily changed the pie chart distribution to support GSO and the Central Office more.

New Business:

- Any suggestions for spending for the Area should be sent to Blaine by 10 October.
- District 21 has elections this year. We will have elections at our November meeting. These are done by Third Legacy procedure. We will have someone from the Area Committee to moderate the election. Please be thinking about your availability for service at the District level. You can serve as a GSR as well in any District position except DCM.

Guest:

- Our guest, Chuck M, The IT Chair, gave his presentation. The IT committee meets on the second Tuesday at 6 PM. All are welcome to attend. The committee maintains the area website. Now that we're doing Zoom meetings, IT has had an advantage because the Area Committee has been meeting via Zoom as well as in-person for some time. IT will provide support for any AA entity in the area. Chuck discussed IT sites that can help us: TIAA.org, the technology workshop site, AA.org, our national site, and our area8aa.org. Also, the central office sites have meetings listed. Technology is our friend because we have instant access to literature and meetings.
- What are the downsides? How do we handle issues of anonymity, misinformation, affiliation? How do we help with the change this entails? How do we participate in what is being offered without affiliation? What do we do about anonymity? Answers: No personal names, personal email addresses, phones. None of us are full time; we are careful about the information we present. There is some security concern with people hacking into our sites.
- Meeting Guide? We have a national meeting guide. Some central offices participate; some don't.
- There is a spot for District information on the area website. D-21 posts information regularly. Also – it is possible we could use a format like the Area is using for our district to disseminate information.

GSR Roundtable:

- Rock the Talk – Rick reported the group still does both Zoom and in-Person outside at the church. The in-person meetings are about 15 people. Zoom is about 4-8. Going well.
- No Ifs Ands or Buts – Fess reported that the meeting is going well on Zoom. Fess also reported that the Serenity Shop in Kearney Mesa is closing.
- RB Early Birds/Just Say No to Corona – Tom reported that the “Just Say No to Corona” was a combined Harmony/RBEB meeting. Now the RBEB is meeting in person. Now

Harmony group is back to in-person and the Zoom meeting is now mostly RBEB. Discussion about hybrid meeting. Everyone is still participating, which is good; the “service” part is difficult.

- “International” meeting at the PAC – David reported that their first meeting on Saturday night went well. Two speakers from Australia.
- TGIF – Kenny reported that on Zoom they are getting smaller. The meeting is now down to 35 or so; the core group is still there. Multiple members have taken a break and come back to report that this is not good for one’s emotional sobriety. Good business meeting; changed contribution pie chart.
- Peñasquitos Tuesday and Thursday – James reported still on Zoom. Core group of 10-12 people. Do get some newcomers or out of location participants. Usually small.

The next District 21 meeting will be at 6:30pm on 5 November, 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.

Joke of the Month:

A drunk was in front of a judge. The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking."

The drunk says "Okay, let's get started."

District 22: Lynda

District 23: Darryl: present but difficult to hear

Standing Committee Reports:

Accessibilities: Robert/Jeffrey: we continue to meet//at the end of the month we will have our elections//we could use more GSRs//we are dipping into our reserves for interpretation at meetings

Grapevine/La Vina Committee: Lynn E-

Marc Jones was appointed Interim Chair in June to revitalize the Grapevine / La Viña Committee. He did an amazing job of bringing on new members and initiating much-needed improvements. In September, Marc stepped down when Lynn Eldred was elected committee Chair and Parker Martin, the Alternate Chair.

- A subcommittee performed a long overdue physical inventory of the committee’s literature, which revealed that the current stock is significantly depleted. It has been over two years since any new literature was ordered.
- A review of the past 3 years of the committee’s recent finances showed that the committee does not have the funding to purchase replacement literature because revenues from literature sales in 2018 and 2019 went unspent and reverted to the

Area's treasury; and because the committee did not submit a budget for two years and therefore did not receive any funding for GVLV literature in 2019 & 2020.

- We have submitted a proposal to the Finance Committee for funding to restore the inventory in order to perform the Committee's primary work of carrying the message, and to support efforts to rebuild ties with the Spanish-speaking districts' La Viña committees. Our two groups have not met for over 2 years.
- The committee hosted a successful Grapevine/La Viña Committee Writers Workshop on Saturday, October 10th with 55 participants. The workshop featured speakers experience in submitting articles to the Grapevine or La Viña magazines plus small group breakout rooms where participants worked with writing coaches. Spanish translation and ASL interpretation were provided.
- The inventory and sales spreadsheet has been brought back into the committee's operations and is up to date. This tool will give us a clearer picture of the items on hand facilitate ordering and inventory control.
- We continue to work on revising and updating our committee's guidelines.

IT: Chuck M. We had our regular meeting on 10/14/2020 via ZOOM.

We visited by Joshua, the Finance Committee Chair. Meeting was devoted to discussions of reallocation of funds and other finance related issues as they pertain to the IT Committee.

Armed Services: John -

Finance: Joshua; from Cheryl: we have been very busy with the reallocation plans//Joshua will be stepping down in January and we are actively looking for people to serve on the Finance Committee

Translation: Richard: thank you to all the translation committee members//we hope to have the S&G translated by the next Assy//we are looking for new members//we are over-busy with paperwork

Literature: Sasha.: The literature committee has been tickling their brains and hearts trying to come up with ways to expand our primary purpose during this pandemic. We have finished a "Cut and Paste Literature Rack," that can be inserted into the chat during a zoom meeting.

We have also turned in a proposal to use excess funds. We want to work with NCHAI and SDHAI to provide literature to our areas H and I's. NCHAI responded that they did not need the assistance as they just did a "book blitz" to the H and I's they cover in NC! Awesome!

I have not heard from anyone representing SDHAI.

I will be asking for direct communication with SDHAI as well as sharing our "cut and paste literature rack," at the ACM.

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. In September, the committee distributed over 700 AA literature and books to 20 facilities. We are holding elections for Board positions in November, 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. **Next monthly meeting: November 3, 2020** (The First Tuesday of next month.).

Items discussed

The Policy Committee has completed its update of the Structure and Guidelines. We will provide the document to the Translation Committee for translation into Spanish. Once that is complete, we plan to discuss at the November or December 2020 ACM, and present at the January 2021 Assembly.

Newsletter: Roxane R. We, and I use the term “we” loosely, sought articles and a new layout for September’s Newsletter. If you have not seen the newsletter, it is currently on the Area 08 Website. (area8aa.org.) I plan to use the same format for the November Newsletter and continue with the full 4 pages for articles, news, upcoming events, quotes, and other points of interest. The size of our Area does warrant four pages. There are other California Areas who have much larger newsletters. To keep our newsletter format relevant and encourage a wider readership, I am hoping you will help me solicit potential articles. Of course, I would love to have all types of articles, but I am mainly interested in keeping the theme of service, your work in service, your experience with service, or just how your service commitment serves the members of AA. I will also publish articles that have an Intergroup focus if it is relevant to our Area. I am particularly interested in hearing from our newest standing committee, AA and the Military. I was hoping to publish a short article about what this committee might be staging in the upcoming months and how this is viewed by the military members of the committee. Another request is an article from the Spanish Women’s Workshop in the same vein. What are you preparing and how will this outreach affect women everywhere? It is a pleasure to serve this committee and I hope to start seeing your brief, but pertinent articles emailed to me as soon as possible. The Newsletter awaits.

SD H&I: Gerry S.: everything is going status quo for Covid//institutions aren’t open yet//there are Zoom meetings here and there-Alvarado, Mesa Vista, Sarp had a Covid outbreak and so they are locked down//the committee continues to meet//we will be having elections soon-every year in H & I, orientation is still going on on Zoom-third Thursday//for those who cannot attend the Orientation, we have a slideshow on our website for Orientation and there is nothing going on at the Correctional Facilities

Young People’s (YPAACC): Kim W.: YPAACC is currently working on finishing up the area survey and analyzing the information gathered. We are also putting together our beginners workshop, which will be held on Zoom Saturday Dec 5th from 6:30-8:30. Flyer is in the works.

Closing: Responsibility Pledge and Serenity Prayer

Meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Panel 70 Area Secretary : Renee R.

Next Assembly:

Budget Assembly
On Zoom
November 7, 2020