

**Treasurer's Report: Cheryl (Treasurer)**

Some of this report is a rehash of the one I gave at the post conference assembly.

Bank of America has closed our fraud case. I reported to you in February that two checks totaling \$6945.09 had been recovered and returned to us but that there were still three checks that had yet to be recovered. The remaining three checks come to a total of \$2231.96.

We received two additional checks returned for a total of \$1478.96. In all, the incident of fraud cost us \$753.01. That amount was not the amount the check was originally written to reflect but that is the amount that was paid once the check was altered. It is the one check that was not recovered.

I have a few comments regarding the April finance report and the May 14 Barebones Spending Plan.

The first comment is regarding the April finance report, a few questioned the GSO send-off that is reflected in that report. If you remember the 2020 send-off was held off a few months until the result of the ongoing fraud case was better understood. That check was written and forwarded to GSO in March but was cashed in April. That was 2020 money that was earmarked for GSO but withheld. It does not show as a 2021 expenditure and is outside of the budgeted expenses. Let me remind you that is not an expense! It is a contribution made out of love for the continuation of 12 step work around the world.

Tonight, we will continue to work on the 2022 spending plan. I have received 4 inputs to review and have forwarded each of them to you as well as requested they be posted on our website. The barebones spending plan had a total of \$35,351. The spending plan I have prepared for you using the inputs provided is totaling \$43,383. This number is not

the final number, but an interim guess. I look forward to the work we will continue to do on this year's proposal.

Finally I would like to direct your attention the remainder of 2021. At the end of April, we had \$27,378.27 cash on hand. \$4,667.50 of that money is earmarked for the 2020 reallocation. If all of the 2020 reallocation money is spent, we have \$22,710.77. I encourage the projects funded by the 2020 reallocation to execute as the funds will dry up by 2022. I also want to focus your minds on a possible 2021 reallocation. If you have unfunded projects/ideas, now is the time to start planning.

I will now answer any questions you may have regarding the Area 8 finances.

<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/2022BareBonesspendingPlanApril13.xls>  
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2022BareBonesspendingPlanRef.pdf>  
<https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Group-contributions-Feb-21.pdf>

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 code is. It will help the Treasurer.
- Please make sure to submit any reimbursements before the end of the year.

<b>April 2021</b>	<b>April Actual</b>	<b>YTD</b>	<b>2021 Budget 58,395.00</b>	<b>Variance with Annual Budget</b>
Group contributions:	3,201.48	12,848.90		
Individual contributions:	45.00	1,614.33		
District contributions:				

Total contributions:	3,246.48	14,463.23		43,931.77
Total budgeted expenses:	1,208.58	6,476.41		-49,482.59
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	2,037.90	7,986.82		
Total unbudgeted expenses:				
Total expenses:	1,208.58	8,396.13		
Contributions less total expenses:	2,037.90	6,067.10		
Total Cash Balance: April 2021	27,378.27		25% of budget	
<b>Prudent Reserve Balance</b>	5,000.00			

**Total Special Line Items**

**1,087.49**

**4,667.50**

Questions: none

**Chairperson's Report: Blaine H.** As a report was made at the Assembly last Saturday, this one will be brief.

It is Areas 8's turn to host the Four Area DCM Sharing Session this year. Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> is the selected date. The content will focus on the theme and items from next year's General Service Conference. The next planning meeting will be this coming Sunday 5/23 at 4:00 PM on Zoom. Anyone is welcome to attend.

It was gratifying to learn that the Area recovered a large portion of the funds which were stolen in the fraud which occurred late last year. Our thanks to Cheryl, our Treasurer, who had to jump through a lot of hoops to get this done. The development of the 2022 Spending Plan continues. Tonight you will hear of a proposal to fund attendance at PRAASA for some of our officers. This is the type of action that is needed to add items to the Bare Bones Budget.

A motion to increase compensation for our ASL interpreters was made at the most recent Assembly and it will now be discussed by our groups. Similar consideration for our Spanish language oral interpreters is on the agenda for this evening. Being able to effectively communicate our message is at stake. It is our custom to compensate our special workers fairly

Our groups, districts, and committees are busy. A list of upcoming events includes:

5/23 1:05 PM – Midday Miracles group screening a play – “Days of Wine & Roses”

5/29 11:00 AM – (District 19) A.A. Community Sharing Session

6/3 7:00 PM – (Three Legacies Group) Townhall Meeting – “Out of the Pandemic”

6/14 5:30 PM – (Treasurer/Finance Committee) – Budget Workshop

7/13 6:30 PM – (Three Legacies Group) – “Concept XII”

**Delegate's Report:** Jerry S My name is Jerry, and I am alcoholic. I am currently honored to serve as our San Diego / Imperial Area08 Delegate. Alright alright!!! Well done Area 08!!! What a wonderfully transformative experience the Conference was. A few highlights: 1. Our financial situation is settling with all major projects either concluding or already well concluded. All major liabilities from the pandemic shutdown and cancelations of the International Convention have been settled and we are much better positioned to plan, budget and support our GSO and World Service activities. 2. We are still in a special position of need from the fellowship with literature sales still slumped and reopening efforts significantly thwarted. Please continue to encourage your groups to keep a special slice of their pie chart dedicated to our General Service Board. 3. We confirmed a LinkedIn Page for our CPC efforts, an Instagram Account for our Grapevine Media Creations, we confirmed significant activities in dozens of pamphlets, we are moving forward with a 5th Edition of the BB in English and a 4th Edition of the BB in Spanish, we gave our GV Board multiple options for change to the Preamble. And finally after years of discussion and debate we are proceeding with an Accessible Language Translation of the BB to help further carry the message to literacy challenged suffering alcoholics. DCM's, a few notes on follow up activities: 1. Please be available to your GSR's as they begin their respective journeys of reporting back to their groups all things Conference related. 2. Please be familiar of the support materials available in the Delegates Corner. One item of particular note: I have updated the Quick Reference Guide by revising the final note at the end of the document. It now states that the General Service Board has since convened, and all items are formally confirmed as Advisory Actions. Sorry for any confusion that the old note might have caused. 3. I have confirmed and calendared visits with most of you to offer a summarized report at your district meetings. Thank you to all of you have been flexible and supportive! FYI, I have not yet heard back from: Districts 2, 9, 12, 13, 14 & 23. Committee Chairs: • Was there any topics or information shared during my report back that directly impacts your committee conscience and/or vision for the future? How can I participate and support you? Please, let us all begin to draw the themes and topics for next years conference into our local upcoming workshops: • AA Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love & Service • The Warranties – Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World • How do AA's go to any Lengths to Recover, Unify & Serve? • Going Beyond Fear • How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere The more proactive we are in drawing these themes and topics into our shared and collective conscience over the coming months the more powerfully prepared our next

Delegate will be and the more impactful our Area's conscience upon the fabric of our fellowship and worldwide services. An All Points Broadcast: The AA Grapevine, Inc. has begun the search for a new Publisher as Albin Z. retired in April 2021. We thank Albin for his years of service to the A.A. Fellowship. Consistent with our established Procedures, following Albin's April departure, our GSB Search Committee is releasing this vacancy announcement in order to help identify the best possible candidate for our AA Grapevine. Following are qualifications for the position: • Exemplifies a history of leadership, innovation, and goal achievement in a multimedia company, including successful financial management. • Possesses management experience that integrates creative and collaborative leadership practices. • Demonstrates success working with cross-functional teams, at multisite locations, while building and maintaining strong, effective relationships. • Functional experiences and skills in administering not-for-profit organizations. • Communicates effectively in oral and written form, with good interpersonal skills. • Holds a bachelor's degree level or higher. • Has a minimum of ten years of continuous sobriety in A.A. Interested members may forward their professional and A.A. service résumés, to Michelle Mirza, AAGV Publisher Search Committee Secretary, at mirzam@aa.org. The deadline for the submission of résumés is June 16, 2021. • The formal announcement can be accessed by [CLICKING HERE](#) • The Publisher Job Description can be accessed by [CLICKING HERE](#) I apologize. However, the announcement and description are currently only available in English. Well, with the Post-Conference Assembly behind us and our Election Assembly ahead, we begin the process of dreaming into reality the servant leaders that will see us through the next major chapter of our fellowship's history: The Great Reopening! What an exhilarating time to consider our availability to serve, our sense of duty and of adventure. We will be challenged to look to all corners of our Area to ensure all persons who have a desire to serve are included equally and supported in the effort to stand for election by their peers. For me, I begin the contemplative and spiritual journey of preparing to give away all that I have learned and experienced, all the mistakes I have made and the wisdoms I can share with our next elected delegate. If there is one thing I have learned in my journey in service to AA is that so long as I position myself to give away all that I have received, so long as I do so without reservation, then I become uniquely and powerfully available to the waters of recreation. I heal and I am changed. I pray that you might have such an experience and opportunity yourself! Thank you for helping me change, God knows I need it and for the opportunity to serve

**Alt Delegate's Report:** Monty C. The Delegate did a wonderful job at the Conference this year. The Conference is a year long process//Would you like to produce a list of Service Sponsors for New GSRs?/?Would this be helpful?/?Would you like to be on this list or know someone who would like to serve this way//June 12 Founders/Unity Day-Virtual Event this year//9-12am//SD H&I and North County H & I and SD Coordinating Council.//We are looking for 3 Speakers//What has General Service done for you and your life//thank you each and every one for being of service// I would like to call your attention to the Timeline to the Conference. As you review it, the last date that is on the timeline is May 15<sup>th</sup>. As most of you were present for the area assembly, I would like to thank you for your participation and sacrifice to the AA structure.

The Delegate done an awesome job and brought back lots of information for us. Just because the conference is over, this doesn't mean that the work is complete. Seeing that the conference is a year-round process, we can take the theme and topics and have conversation with your groups. Have workshop and sharing sessions. Bring back the results to continue to the conversation outside of Area 8 to AA as a whole.

In the GSR School/Orientation, it was mentioned about getting a service sponsor. When this topic is raised, there are other questions that come up. This time, I was asked if the area has a list of people that

were willing to be calling as service sponsors. I told them that I didn't think that the area had one. So my question to the ACM 1. Would you like to produce a list of service sponsors for new and old GSR? 2. Where would we keep the information so its accessible? I would invite your input on this topic.

I am going to ask to all the DCM and Committee Chairs, could you use list of this type? Do you know someone or yourself that would like to be one it? New GSR's would use the extra help and mentorship as they move through their general service journey.

I would like to announce that there will be an event for Founders/Unity Day. We have set a date for June 12<sup>th</sup>. I am working with the Coordinating Council, San Diego H&I, and North County H&I to put together this event. The event will be virtual. You will be seeing a "Save the Date" really soon.

Each entity will be responsible to getting one speaker. I will be asking one person to speak at the event. If you have any input for a speaker, please reach out to me. The speaker will need to speak for about 20 minutes. The topic will be Unity in AA or something along those lines.

As your biggest AA cheerleader, I would like to encourage each of you to thank about general service. What does it mean to you? What has it brought to the recovery and life? Are you willing to be available to pass on this knowledge to the person who is new to the rooms?

What we do here is amazing. Thank you all for being of service.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service

### **Old Business:**

- **Status-Ad-hoc Committee Area Inventory on Communication: Shone S.**

We came together and we want to meet with all the past Chair members and find out what they did//5 people are on the committee//and other committees to find out what are they doing, where we made mistakes//communications problems//with technology, how are we communicating with each other//there is a webform where people can register as GSRs//resistance exists/in order to communicate powerfully we need to break thru the resistance//

- **Status-DCM Group:Terri H.** we had another sharing session again//what a good district looks like//Jane showed us how to train new GSRs at every district meeting//great participation//topic for next month-how to discern what to share with our districts all the materials that come out each month.
- **Status-Committee Chair Group:** Lynn E.-we are rotating chairs and I was it last month//we had a briefing on the budget process and went over the budget form//how this effects different committees//how we actually do this planning//which committee is trying to figure out how many zoom accounts we have and how we can combine zoom licenses? IT Paul K. has put in for 10 accounts for 2022//other Areas will be piggybacking on our accounts could help defray the cost, this is an ongoing conversation
- **Four Area DCM Sharing Session-Saturday 7/31/21-next PM-5/23: Blaine H** Our third planning committee meeting will be this Sunday//there should be both an English and Spanish representative//we have no Spanish rep yet, Angelina is our English rep.

### **New Business:**

- **Proposed 2022 Spending Plan Item-Officers to PRAASA-Blaine H.:**

[Spending Plan Proposal PRAASA2022 - Google Docs](#)

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lvQvScStjX4QoD9j\\_Iek-kpwkkEjun0rplqjR1P4-ik/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1lvQvScStjX4QoD9j_Iek-kpwkkEjun0rplqjR1P4-ik/edit)

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZxiUrrvfhhR5egXyNB1SeVnMFWwYGO4guDy9lQ6oSqM/edit>

The above proposals are to be reviewed by the ACM. PRAASA proposal from Blaine//\$450 for each Officer (not alternates) and \$700 for the Delegate//this adds \$2900 to the budget//this is in line with the past for officers who can share with their alts//How does an officer share with alternate when the officer isn't fully funded//\$450 will not fully cover the officers//only the delegate is fully funded//Paul-we should fund Officers fully//

IT Committee-\$4000 added to bare bones

Finance-no changes

Armed Services-wants \$450 for PRAASA, but another committee wants \$150//\$450 wasn't added to Armed Services//If we added \$450 for each committee it will raise the overall budget by \$7000//we wouldn't have any extra money all year//PRAASA should be uniform for all committees//Armed Services was given all but PRAASA funding-\$904

Grapevine/LaVina-\$802, plus literature raise to \$110//

Questions: Committee Chairs have not been funded to PRAASA in the recent past//there was a vote in the past or discussion in the past regarding PRAASA and perhaps we should look at that//we should adjust the numbers to cover ALL of the Officers, ie their alternates as well//do all of your calculations take into account our GSO sendoffs? NO//why not//the send off is excess funds that we don't use//Could we use that send off money to send more persons to PRAASA, and if not and why not//should we come up with a proposal on how we do things in the Area.

Tiffany-shared her Budget request document//our overall budget is less than 2021, with PRAASA taken out//would like to see our mileage rate increased//Cheryl put everything Tiffany asked for except PRAASA, and this body needs to decide if they want to fund PRAASA//

Flint: if we continue to get contributions on the current trajectory, we will have a shortfall next year and we should budget accordingly.

Jeremy-Committees get funding with no specific use, and the committee can decide how to spend that money//

Bill-Can we decide tonight if we are going to fund all of the officers

Karen-we should send all of our Officers to PRAASA//but we shouldn't take money that is designated for a workshop to send someone to PRAASA.

Blaine-would this body like to approve the PRAASA budget proposal or wait until next month when this can be brought back to the groups? To wait-23 or to vote today-6 0r 7 So this will go back to the groups

IT, Grapevine and Armed Services proposed Budgets:

Approval of the proposed Budgets from tonight: 20    Don't approve of tonight's proposed budgets: 1

- **Reallocation Funding-issue of supporting groups**

**For** example providing technology and equipment for hybrid meetings//this could bring about a lot of discontent because many groups may want this//we can't afford to give all meetings funding if they want it//this was a one time exception//there probably won't be any money for this//we did this one time when the funding was reallocated//this item was originally not going to be funded and then later got funded because the gold can returned \$5000//

- **Spanish Oral Interpretation Compensation**

**This** has been brought up because of the increase requested by ASL Interpreters//no discussion

- **AA Community Sharing Session-5/29/21-Adrian O.:** how we could be of service to our area and districts//underserved communities in AA//the Spanish speaking community and another//Monty will be moderating//D19 and D6//goal is to get volunteers to hold a hybrid workshop//each group that volunteers will run their sessions//inclusivity