

Area 8 District 4 Meeting

6:30 PM Wednesday June 2, 2021

Church, 4761 Cass St. 92109 [in-person meetings temporarily suspended]

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87587629081?pwd=dHNsZS9qYlVaSmJNWWVJNN28zQUc3QT09>

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Notes

- I. **Call to order and Serenity Prayer** (*called to order at 6:30*)
- II. **Attendees** *Maureen G Chair, Wheeler N Secretary - GSR, Jerry S, SDIAA Area 8 Delegate, Ray M Treasurer - GSR, Gene L GSR, Kat GSR*
- III. **Tradition VI** (Long Form) – Problems of money, property, and authority may easily divert us from our primary spiritual aim. We think, therefore, that any considerable property of genuine use to A.A. should be separately incorporated and managed, thus dividing the material from the spiritual. An A.A. group, as such, should never go into business. Secondary aids to A.A., such as clubs or hospitals which require much property or administration, ought to be incorporated and so set apart that, if necessary, they can be freely discarded by the groups. Hence such facilities ought not to use the A.A. name. Their management should be the sole responsibility of those people who financially support them. For clubs, A.A. managers are usually preferred. But hospitals as well as other places of recuperation, ought to be well outside A.A. – and medically supervised. While an A.A. group may cooperate with anyone, such cooperation ought never go so far as affiliation or endorsement, actual or implied. An A.A. group can bind itself to no one. (*read by Ray*)
- IV. **GSR Preamble** – We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority is a loving God as he may express Himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our group and A.A. as a whole. (*read by Gene*)
- V. **Introductions and A.A. Birthdays** (*Ray – 27 years, whoo hoo*)
- VI. **Special Guest - Delegate with Report Back from the Conference** (Jerry S) *Jerry reported on the recent past General Service Conference. He showed the SDIAAAA Area 8 website. The delegates corner is where all the conference materials are located. It includes a variety of stuff including guides and Jerry's complete presentation @ 77 slides. All passed items are advisory items but will become future action. Theme was "AA in a time of change." Financial report is literature revenue is down for the second year, 7th Tradition contributions are up. Grapevine was free due to pandemic so profit is down but use is up. Overall GSO used \$4 million of reserves, now down to 7 months of operating expenses. Some costs were longer term items like some retirement matters.*

More contributions are still needed. There was a huge spike in online contributions which is a plus since paper contributions have a huge cost during the pandemic. Cost was about \$4 per check to fully process. Online avoids all this. \$1 = \$19.33 today, a buck in the basket isn't enough anymore. There are means to regularly contribute via scheduled auto-payment options. Literature sales were down by 30%, La Vina subscriptions were way down. The \$4M drawdown was used to cover International Conference refunds and some early retirement options. "Inmate" will be changed to "person in custody." This is because literature with these terms aren't allowed into prisons. New audio interviews for armed services. New PSAs being made – "Party" and "Wall." The "party" was on a Zoom party. Apparently people are passing out on Zoom parties. Possible they will be published on YouTube etc. Grapevine efforts may lead to producing pre-produced podcasts. Implementing a Linked-In page for working with professionals. There will be several updates to some pamphlets both content and graphics. No action was taken on several items including the proposed changes to personal donations. There is now a new AA Service Manual 2021-2023 Ed. Grapevine and La Vina setting up an Instagram account. Work on the Big Book 5th Edition is now starting. Minor but important change in 12x12 Cpt 6 about "rape and lust." The long form of traditions will be added to the body after each essay in the 12X12. A plain and simple language version for/of the Big Book will be produced – designed for the low-literacy persons. There were several minor edits to the AA Preamble to be published in June that were made from the floor.

- VII. Acceptance of May 2021 meeting notes** (Wheeler) Accepted – thx Kat
- VIII. Treasurer Report** (Ray) S 3844.14 paid \$15 for PRASSA and \$149.90 for the Zoom account to Maureen leaving \$3679.24 balance.
- IX. Registrar Report** (Adam) Not present
- X. DCM Report** (Maureen) Maureen discussed the items below.
 - A. Area Committee Meeting May 2021
 - Finance – Fraud case settled - final loss was \$753.01; opportunity for input on next year's spending plan; April balance was \$27,378.27. If all 2020 money is spent, we'll have \$22,710.77. Consider possible 2021 reallocation projects/ideas. Include email address with your group's contribution to the Area. Do you all know your Group GSO code? Assembly motion to increase pay for ASL interpreters now to groups for discussion.
- XI. Standing Committees (GSRs)** Literature, still meeting, 1 pamphlet per month, went over Conference literature items. No others.
- XII. Group Check-ins (GSRs)** None
- XIII. Old Business**
 - A. Service positions for District 4 (need an Alternate DCM)
 - B. GSRs Registration and Participation on Standing Committees
 - C. PRAASA March 6 and 7 Recordings Link:
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/18JCimxbxV4AI2aAQg2R9meJAltIq23px?usp=sharing>

- D. District 4 Outreach to Unrepresented Groups *(Maureen will follow up with this as soon as possible although right now many groups are dealing with returning to in-person meetings so some delay might not be a bad thing)*

XIV. New Business *None*

XV. Announcements/Upcoming Events – Check [Area 8 Calendar](#) for current info!

- A. District 4 Meeting – **June 2, 2021** 6:30-7:30 p.m.
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- B. Town Hall on AA Meetings Moving Out of the Pandemic “What happened and what it's like now: Opening up In-Person, Staying on Zoom, or Hybrid”
Thursday **June 3, 2021**, 7-8:30 p.m.
Link to Flyer: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Town-Hall-3-Flyer-To-Policy-Committee.pdf>
- C. Virtual Founders Day/Unity Day **June 12, 2021**
- D. Area 8 Spending Plan Workshop - Monday, **June 14**, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Zoom
Meeting ID: 962 6898 7584; Password: 964243
Link to Flyer: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/FinanceWorkshopFlyrFinal042221.pdf>
- E. District 4 Meeting – **July 7, 2021** 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Zoom Meeting ID: 875 8762 9081 Passcode: AAA8D4
- F. Town Hall on Concept XII **July 13, 2021**, 6:30 – 8 p.m.;
Link to flyer: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Flyer-Concept-XII-July-13-2021.pdf>
- G. Area 8 Area Committee Meeting (ACM) Thursday **July 15, 2021**, 7 – 10 p.m.;
Zoom Meeting ID: 231 178 354; Passcode: iluvacms
- H. Election Assembly - Saturday **September 25, 2021**
- GSR Orientation 8:00-8:55
 - Assembly 9AM-4PM

Concept VI (Long Form) On behalf of A.A. as a whole, our General Service Conference has the principal responsibility for the maintenance of our world services, and it traditionally has the final decision respecting large matters of general policy and finance. But the Conference also recognizes that the chief initiative and the active responsibility in most of these matters should be exercised primarily by the Trustee members of the Conference when they act among themselves as the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous. *(read by Wheeler)*

XVI. Closing/Declaration Of Unity: *(closed at 7:44)*

This we owe to AA's future:
To place our common welfare first.
To keep our fellowship united.
For on A.A. unity depend our lives, and the lives of those to come.