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## Agenda

- I. **Call to order and Serenity Prayer 18:31**
- II. **Tradition VIII, Ray** (Long Form) – Alcoholics Anonymous should remain forever non-professional. We define professionalism as the occupation of counseling alcoholics for fees or hire. But we may employ alcoholics where they are going to perform those services for which we might otherwise have to engage nonalcoholics. Such special services may be well recompensed. But our usual A.A. Twelfth Step work is never to be paid for.
- III. **GSR Preamble, David** – 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.
- IV. **Introductions and A.A. Birthdays** *Introductions per above...*
- V. **Guest Presentation from Accessibilities Committee (Renea)**  
*What does the accessibility committee do, they help anybody with accessibility needs gain access to AA. They mostly serve hearing and sight impaired persons, but also will serve all needs. They are currently working with a number of folks providing various services or helping find solutions to gain services. They can also provide material on audio for those who cannot read. They meet on 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays. Renea will forward information to all members.*
- VI. **Acceptance of June 2021 meeting notes** (Wheeler) *Accepted*
- VII. **Treasurer Report** (Ray) *\$3870.94 old balance, new balance \$3962.80, deposits \$391.86, expenses for rent \$300 for the whole year. July 2021 to June 2022*
- VIII. **Registrar Report** (Adam) *Sent a registration form to Sara. Not much other activity. Adam has moved from the District area to East County.*
- IX. **DCM Report** (Maureen)
  - A. Area Committee Meeting July 15, 2021 *Maureen discussed some of the details around Area 8 Spending plan and budget. One potential increase is for ASL*

*interpreters to \$65 per hour. Also, the current cost at the GSO level per member per year is \$7.34. Members can contribute directly. Structure and guidelines revision update draft was shared.*

- B. DCM Sharing Session July 31, 2021 *Tiffany presented, discussing the work toward carrying the message to armed services. Their biggest challenges are getting meetings on bases. Bill N talked on how AA has failed in two ways, communication and armed services. He discussed how this is hampered by AA's resistance to change. Some areas are increasing structure such that they have more positions than participants.*
- X. **Standing Committees** (GSRs) *There are 13 committees in Area 8 who need members and these do not need to be GSRs. We should solicit interest from within our groups.*
- XI. **Group Check-ins** (GSRs) *There was some discussion about hybrid meetings and how they are going. Also about how meetings are supporting AA outside of their rent and coffee obligations.*
- XII. **Old Business**  
A. District 4 Outreach to Unrepresented Groups *Maureen has done some thinking about how to make a 30 second primer on how to advocate for GSR activities. Adam will send out the list of meetings in the District 4.*
- XIII. **New Business**  
A. District Spending Plan *Ray and Maureen will provide more information on this discussion next meeting.*
- XIV. **Announcements/Upcoming Events** *Maureen reviewed these upcoming events. – Check [Area 8 Calendar](#) for current info!*  
A. Area Committee Meeting August 19, 2021  
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Camp Spirit Fire Sept 3-5, 2021 Idyllwild, CA [www.campspiritfire.org](http://www.campspiritfire.org)  
B. NAATW September 17-19, 2021 (National AA Technology Workshop)  
<https://naatw.org/>  
C. Step 11 Workshop September 19, 2021 @ 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
WHERE: South Park Alano Club, 1944 30th Street  
D. Election Assembly - Saturday September 25, 2021 – 10 positions to be filled
  - GSR Orientation 8:00-8:55
  - Assembly 9AM-4PM
- XV. **Concept VIII** (Long Form) The Trustees of the General Service Board act in two primary capacities: (a) With respect to the larger matters of over-all policy and finance, they are the principal planners and administrators. They and their primary committees directly manage these affairs. (b) But with respect to our separately incorporated and constantly active services, the relation of the Trustees is mainly that of full stock ownership and of custodial oversight which they exercise through their ability to elect all directors of these entities.
- XVI. **Closing/Declaration Of Unity: 19:43**

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.