

Abbreviated ACM September 2021 Minutes

Treasurer's Report: Cheryl F. (Treasurer)

Happy September 2021,

In just a few weeks we will be holding our election assembly for panel 71! Can you believe it?? Where did the time go? The last few years have been an absolute blur. But you are not interested in how time passes for me; you are interested in the state of our area finances.

Although the area has not taken in as much money as we projected in 2021, we have taken in more than enough to meet our needs. At the end of August, we had \$37,597.74 in the bank. I wanted to take a minute to break that money down for you.

\$3,021.50 of that total is 2020 money that we allocated to be spent this year that has of yet been unspent. This brings our 2021 balance to \$34,576.24. Five thousand of which is our prudent reserve bringing our actual total to \$29,576.24.

We also have as yet uncashed checks totaling \$1787.67. When I subtract the uncashed amount, our total is \$27,788.57. This is a lot of money for us to be holding on to and I would, once again, like to bring up the topic of a possible 2021 reallocation of some of these funds.

If August was the end of the year and if the 2022 spending plan is approved as written, we would be bound to retain one quarter of the 2022 budget into 2022. Or \$11,796.00. This would mean we reallocate and/or send \$15,992.57 to GSO.

To date we have received 4 proposals for reallocation. Last month we discussed one of these requests of \$2800. We have three additional requests to discuss this evening. These requests together equal \$1,566.89. Again, these are the numbers IF this was the end of the year. I provide these numbers so that you have an idea of the issues as they may present themselves. This would mean that we would reallocate \$4,366.89 and send \$11,625.68 to GSO.

I want to be clear, a GSO sendoff is how we deal with surplus money in accordance with our structure and guidelines. Last year we tried to reallocate money to be used toward 12-step work within our area and to purchase items that the area finds significant need. I encourage you to consider a reallocation of 2021 money and to speak up if you have ideas about using these funds to improve area services. If a reallocation is what the area wants, we will be voting at the November assembly.

As the 2022 budget stands now, one quarter of the annual budget will equal \$11,655.50. Subtract that number from \$25,963.24 and we have \$6,4991 for possible reallocation or GSO send-off.

And now for the exciting news! Please share with your GSR's and Groups that Area 8 Finance Committee and Women in Harmony Group will be holding a Minding Our Money Hybrid Workshop on October 9th. This event will be live for those who miss the hugs and virtual for those who miss the hugs but still want to social distance. **TIME - 9:30 a.m. registration/coffee; 10:00 – 1:00p.m. Workshop/Roundtable discussion;**
LOCATION - Church, 2083 Sunset Cliffs Blvd, SD 92017; ZOOM ID: 891 1568 0849;

PW: iluvmoney

Minding Our Money Flyer:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Minding-our-Money-Flyer.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Minding-our-Money-Flyer-translated-1.pdf>

I will now answer any questions you may have regarding the August finance report or the information I covered in this report.

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.

August 2021	August Actual	YTD	2021 Budget 58,395.00	Variance with Annual Budget
Group contributions:	\$3401.64	\$24,185.30		
Individual contributions:	\$308.00	\$3,122.71		
District contributions:				
Total contributions:	\$3,709.64	\$27,308	\$58,395.00	\$31,086.99
Total budgeted expenses:	\$1,004.60	\$16,720.49	\$58,394.95	\$(39,981.46)
Contributions less budgeted expenses:	\$2,705.04	\$10,587.52		
Total unbudgeted expenses:				
Total expenses:	\$1,004.60	\$18,640.21		
Contributions less total expenses:	\$2,705.04	\$8,667.80		
Total Cash Balance: August 2021	\$31,175.74		25% of budget	
Prudent Reserve Balance	5,000.00			

Total Special Line Items

August: \$752.25

YTD: \$2,422.49

2021 Plan: \$3,021.50

Finance Report

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/August-2021-Finance-Report.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/August-2021-Finance-ReportSpanish.pdf>

Contributions Report:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/August-Contributions.pdf>

Spanish: Not provided.

Questions/Comments: None

Chairperson's Report: Blaine H.

An exciting time in Area 8. We will be holding our Election Assembly in just nine days! This will be a virtual event, and also the first since we expanded the servant pool of those eligible to stand. There are 81 names on the list, and 10 positions to fill. Most of you, as you are in this "room", hold positions of eligibility and have been notified of that fact. I would hope that you have had a chance to consider standing for an office or offices.

General Service within the Area is one way that we can "Carry the Message to the Alcoholic who still suffers" Our area officers direct and facilitate that process. We also serve as a link to the General Service Conference. Time and energy are required, but time and energy are well spent if it is in pursuit of our Primary Purpose.

During the election Kathi F., our Pacific Regional Trustee, will, for each office, read the names of those eligible to stand and ask if that person is available. Since those here are eligible to both stand AND vote, I would hope that you all are present. Should you not wish to stand for any office at all, you can answer "Not available all day", and won't be called on again.

We don't like to remove people from the list before the Assembly (perhaps one has some sort of vision the night before), but I ask you to mention to your friends who are eligible to stand, but not to vote, and have no intention of standing, to please consider attending the Assembly and expressing that desire early on. It will save everyone a lot of time. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 9/18 Underserved Communities in A.A.
- 9/19 Step 11 Workshop
- 9/25 AREA 8 ELECTION ASSEMBLY
- 10/2 Unity Day II (Collaborative Intergroup/Area Event)
- 10/9 Minding Our Money Treasurers' Workshop
- 10/17 H&I Fall into Service Event
- 10/24 -10/27 International Seniors in Sobriety Convention – Bahia Hotel
- 10/30 Area 8 Structure and Guidelines Workshop
- 11/13 BUDGET ASSEMBLY

Underserved Communities in AA Workshop:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/EWS Underserved AA District 06-19-08222021-Final.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/STaller-Comunidades-Desatendidas-de-AA.pdf>

Step 11 Workshop:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Step-11-Workshop-Flyer-District-7.pdf>

Spanish: Not provided.

Election Assembly:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/EELECTIONS-AREA-8-flyer2021-3.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/SArea-8-Elections-Flyer-SPANISH.pdf>

Unity Day:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/2021-Unity-Day-Picnic.pdf>

Spanish: Not provided.

Minding Our Money Flyer:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Minding-our-Money-Flyer.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Minding-our-Money-Flyer-translated-1.pdf>

Fall Into Service:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Fall-Into-Service-2021-10.pdf>

Spanish: Not provided.

S&G Workshop:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/EStructure-and-Guidelines-Workshop1-7.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/S-Structure-and-Guidelines-Workshop.pdf>

Budget Assembly:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/EBudget-Assembly-2021-Spanish-Translation-.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SBudget-Assembly-2021-Spanish-Translation-.pdf>

Questions/Comments: None

Delegate's Report: Jerry S

No official report provided. Delegate briefly spoke about his office coming up for rotation and his appreciation for this experience.

Questions/Comments: None

Alt Delegate's Report: Monty C.

Our elections are just around the corner. If you are standing, thank you. Our area needs you. DCM and Committees please remind your members that their presence is requested. This is an important time in the panel and their voice is important in that process. Please come out and join in the process of electing a new panel.

Unity 2.0. There is still space available if any of the committees would like to participate. The event will be on October 2nd in Camino Ruiz Park. The flyer is posted on the website. It will be a day of gathering and sharing information about AA. The committees are being asked to share and participate about what they do. If you would like to be a part of this event, please be sure and reach out to me. There will be one speaker that will get to share at the event for a length of time. We will have games and food at the event.

This weekend is a workshop sponsored by District 6 and 19. Please come out or join them online for this event. It will feature several panels from various underserved communities in our area. This is a conversation that will be ongoing.

On Sunday, stop by the South Park Club and join District 7 for their Step 11 workshop. Your support is requested to help make these events successful.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Questions/Comments: None

Two minute Liaison Committee Reports: Jo Ann Z (NP-not present//NR-no report)

- **Coordinating Council-SD:** Aleksey K./Susan- NP
- **North County Intergroup:** Patrick - Memorial for Jennie M. (Moore) Central Office Manager 1993 to 2018 - There will be a Celebration of Life reception at the North County Alano Club after the Mass and the Intermen 2:30 p.m. Friday, September 24, 2021. . The family invites everyone to join them and share their memories. The address for the Alano Club is 4198 Mission Ave., Oceanside, CA 92057.

Our viewpoint is available - at the following web address for North Count Inter Group <https://ncsandiegoaa.org/viewpoint> and if you would like Subscribe to the Viewpoint to be delivered by email: viewpoint@ncsandiego.org

Financial - the Net Loss for August was (\$1,086). The YTD Profit, \$3,611. Prudent Reserve at 12 months of expenses as stated in Guidelines.

General Update - Central Office had another overall good month. Phones are being handled and meeting updates are coming into the Central Office.

- **Oficina Central Hispana-SD:** NP
- **Oficina Intergrup al Condado Norte:** GSDYPAA: NP
- **NSDYPAA:** Jeremy-NP
- **Native American Liaison:** Wolf: NP
- **East County Intergroup:** NP
- **Spanish Women's Workshop-Alicia:** NP

Old Business:

- **DCM Group Update:** Terri H.-September meeting happened last week, 9 were in attendance. Talked about events coming up and had Cheryl, Area Treasurer as a guest speaker. The meeting is open, informal and helpful. Encourage more to attend. The group meets regularly on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m.

- **Committee Group Update:** Diana-Met last on August 25th. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss two topics.) Finding a way for the Committees to work interactively and to offer a forum to share ideas and provide support to new Committee Chairs. This will be very important when rotation happens in November. Group agreed to keep meeting, going forward. Sufficient number of people were able to make the existing time and day. Group would like to communicate with Committee Chairs that are not able to attend.//Lyn E. will send a poll to Chairs and Alt Chairs to see what your availability is. Please respond before the next meeting scheduled for next Wednesday @ 6:30 p.m.
- **Ad hoc 2021 Area Inventory Planning Group Update:** Jerry S.-Four individuals attended. Reviewed motion from last month's ACM to ensure staying on task. The Area Inventory will be a live/hybrid event on October 30th from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Ad hoc Committee is striving to find a mid-County location. In addition, the committee is seeking to host a simplified experience and for the reported results to be digestible to those it will affect. The structure will include eight round table discussions. \$425 was budgeted in 2020 that might be transferable to the 2021 budget for this event. Expenses related to ASL and Spanish interpretation will probably bring the budget over the \$425. Consider submitting an unbudgeted amount for \$425 and agree to be able to submit additional receipts as needed.

Questions/Comments: Policy Committee already has a S&G event scheduled for October 30th from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.//Ad hoc committee will take that into consideration and work with the Policy Committee to coordinate.//2020 money is no longer available and it's not a line item on the 2021 budget however an unbudgeted expense should not be an issue.

Motion Passed: To submit an unbudgeted expense for \$425 to fund the 2021 Area 8 Inventory. Yes: 27 Opposed: 0. Motion passed.

- **Election Assembly – 9/25/21:** Blaine H.-Discussion regarding how we will conduct the election process. Traditionally we announce the names of all eligible individuals before each office is announced. Eligible participants can reply available, not available or not available all day. We have a lot more eligible people than we normally have. Suggest to read all the eligible participants for the first office and then ask who would like to make themselves available for each office announced after that.

Questions/Comments: Uncomfortable with using this method. If someone is not in attendance then we would not announce them, correct?//In the past we have still announced people that were not present.//Suggestion to make a Master list and post it somewhere so the Assembly attendees can see who is eligible to stand.//Not clear what the process will be based on the discussions so far.//Clarified that before each office it will be asked who wishes to stand for the office and those who wish to stand will identify themselves.//Reminder that we will be in the fully capable hands of Kathy, our Trustee, who is very experienced and can guide us.

Sense of the Body:

Announce all eligible names before each office is announced. Yes: 16% (5)

Calling individuals to stand when each office is announced: Yes: 66% (30)

- **In-Person Budget Assembly – 11/13/21 (Ready, set, go!):** Ted C., Blaine H.-At a previous ACM, we decided to make the event live with a hybrid component. District 3,7, 8, 11, 19 and 21 are participating. Ted C, District 16 DCM has been working on securing a facility which will be St. Paul's Cathedral. The facility requires that everyone wear a mask. Funds will be handled between the participating districts.

Questions/Comments: When we hold hybrid Area/District events, who is in charge of the A/V equipment and hybrid component logistics?//The IT Chair discussed how Zoom can be utilized to pin the ASL and Spanish interpreters.//Looks like we need to work on this and we will have to be patient while we iron out the kinks.//What is the occupancy for the room?//Budget Assembly was conducted there a few years ago so the size should not be an issue. It's in the Grand Hall.//Suggestion to re-look at having a Video Committee established so that there is available technical assistance for hybrid events.//Parking is limited on 6th Avenue so carpool. It's been included on the flyer.//The Literature Committee would like to display at the event.

New Business:

- **Reallocation Proposal Discussion**

- **Hispanic Women's Workshop:** Marcela - Serves remote communities and promotes fellowship, the start of new women's meetings and strong community. First event was held in San Diego. We request that contributing areas give \$300. These funds will assist with the cost of covering 150 women who will be traveling from various areas, flyers, meals, etc. Previously, the Area contributed \$450 but the full amount is not necessary. We are not self-supporting yet but hope to be.

Questions/Comments: Has a registration fee been considered?//No, they do not pay for registration.//How will this event become self-supporting if there is no registration fee?//As we work with Districts we hope that contributions through 7th Tradition will help to fund this without registration fees.

Hispanic Women's Workshop Reallocation:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/EReallocation-Hispanic-Womens-Workshop.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Sreallocation-of-hispanic-womens-workshop-translated.pdf>

- **2022 PRAASA Reallocation:** Renea-The Accessibility Committee would like to use reallocation funds to send the Accessibility Committee Chair and Co-Chair to 2022 PRAASA in Portland, OR.

PRAASA Reallocation:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/EReallocation-PRAASA-2022-Bryan-H..pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/SReallocation-PRAASA-2021-translated.pdf>

- **Reallocation proposal to purchase new Service Manuals at a cost of \$600:** Monty C. - Reviewed proposal (see link below) for printing updated Service Manuals.

Questions/Comments: Are you sure 150 manuals is enough?//Once someone registers as a new GSR, will a new manual be sent to them?//New manuals are not published yet. In November 2021 they will become available. If someone registered today they would not receive the new manual. The general policy is that we distribute the old ones before we send out the new ones.//In support of the new manuals.//Agree that we should order more manuals.//We have been encouraging service sponsorship so it would be good for them to be working from the same manual.

Service Manual Proposal:

English: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Es-service-manual-proposal-21.pdf>

Spanish: <https://www.area8aa.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/Sservice-manual-proposal-21-translated.pdf>

- **Thinking about dates and bids for 2022 Assemblies:** Blaine H. - Picking dates that have no conflicts with holidays and/or the General Conference event. DCMs should go back to their Districts, share the dates and assess which events their District would like to sponsor. Some tentative 2022 dates are as follows:
 - January 8th - Orientation Assembly
 - April 9th Pre-Conference Assembly
 - May 14th Post-Conference Assembly
 - September 17th Election Assembly
 - November 12th Budget Assembly

Respectfully submitted, Panel 70 Acting Area Secretary : Julie O. and Renee R.

Next Assembly:

Election Assembly

September 25, 2021