

ACM (Area 8 Committee Meeting) Minutes, Nov. 18, 2021

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7:00 Meeting was called to attendance with both the Serenity Prayer and the Declaration of Unity.
33 members in attendance.

Roll Call (Registrar)

Bill S., Registrar's Report

Please identify yourself on screen by your position e.g. DCM8, ChairCPC, etc.

Later Bill added in the Chat 2 items:

1. GSO opens to the DCMs the Fellowship Connection's list of registered groups and GSRs. To log in you will likely need to set up an account using the email address that you registered with (your personal email) and establish a password. Email memberandcustomerservice@aa.org for assistance.
2. 7:33 pm- We have met a Quorum

Introductions: Newcomers: David A, upcoming DCM for D19

7:10 Secretary's report: I hope you all received the minutes and have a chance to read through them.
Is anyone opposed to accepting the minutes?

Is there a motion to accept: motion by Monty; seconded by Paul K

7:15 Cheryl's Finance Report and Q+A: Cheryl is wrapping up the year. Her report is at the end of the minutes in the REPORTS section. Curious about our prudent reserve? Or what Structure and Guidelines has to do with finances? Take a look at Cheryl's report in the REPORTS section. Its only 1 page.

7:25 Monty's Report: Monty reported on a variety of events that he attended on all levels of our fellowship, workshops, an assembly, a delegates' meeting for the first time as the incoming delegate, and more. Reading his report offers a view of our area and beyond. Sounds like he had a lot of fun. Monty's full report is available at the end of the minutes.

7:35 Jerry S's Report was made at the Budget Assembly last Sat.

All that's new is the the Pacific region gathering was held on Tues. (Monty mentioned it in his report) PRAASA (Pacific Region AA Service Assembly) 2022 committee met with the hotel to see if it'll be face to face or hybrid. Amber the delegate in Oregon will contact Jerry tomorrow.

Don't book your flight or hotel yet. Wait for the update.

(Update on PRAASA, <https://www.praasa.org>, – It will be zoom only.)

Jerry suggested generosity to GSO.

The Delegate's Corner is on <https://www.area8aa.org/sdiaa/area-information/delegates-corner/>.

7:45 Blaine: Chair's Report: The Chair's report describes our recent Budget Assembly, the early challenges and the fabulous attendance. It was a hybrid assembly at St. Paul's on 6th Ave in Banker's Hill. Blaine full report, including upcoming evens, is at the end of the minutes in the Reports section.

Two-Minute Liaison Committee Reports : GSDYPAA – NP/NR; Officina Ceantral Hispana – SD-NP/NR; Officina Intergrupul Condodo Norte – NP/NR; NC Intergroup – NP?NR; NSDYPAA-NP/NR.

(Submit written reports to Google Drive or Rose via email or at the meeting)

Coordinating Council, SD-Susan: Coordinating Council and Central Office are very busy these days. Susan named five committees that need support and projects that also need support, such as painting. Her report has contact information for any project you have questions about. Susan's report is attached at the end of the minutes in the Reports section.

OLD BUSINESS

DCM share meeting: Maire was the chair. Low attendance.

Committee Sharing Group: Lynn E

There was no meeting because only three people showed up.

Area 8 Inventory follow up: Adrian O.

The report is not ready yet. It may not be ready until spring.

Budget Assembly: feedback on the hybrid experience

- The survey was awesome, the way it was done electronically and presented on the screen seamlessly. We can look forward to future assemblies and how useful this could be.
 - Was great to see everyone. On the hybrid, I will probably ask for an unbudgeted expense to purchase a camera. Also we need two people to run the hybrid. Training will be available.
 - It was great to have the hybrid. But when someone comes up to the mic we could not see who was speaking.
 - Having a 3rd camera especially as we have that "traveling mic" go around the room.
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10 min. break followed by

Master Calendar by Blaine

Birthdays – There were LOTS. I hope I got all of them.

Oct. 22	29 years John
Nov. 1	20 years Esther
	4 years Ted C,
Nov. 6	15 yrs Angelica
	10 years Jerry S.
Nov. 14	38 years Susan G.
Nov. 15	37 years Alicia
Nov. 17	13 years Ricardo

NEW BUSINESS

Assembly Planning for 2022 – 1/8, 4/9, 5/14, 11/12

Who will be the sponsoring districts? Where will it be held? What about the format?

D21 is taking the lead in the Orientation Assembly, 1/8/22 – where? We plan on accommodating 150 people.

Regan Hall is available and expensive - \$2,000.00

Suggestions for Locations: St Bartholomew's in Poway, Bringle Terrace in North County, Guardian Angels church. (location?)

Re: the “No food inside” rule a suggestion was made to cook outside.

Chair: We voted last year to try to have 2 or 3 assemblies in person and 2 or 3 virtual.

Hybrid can be discussed as we go along. Finding a location is most important.

Using the Chat Function. Points that were discussed.

It is a useful tool. Important information can be posted.

Is it crosstalk?

Do we need to add “use of chat” to our format?

Temporarily shut it down during our motions.

No motions were made or action taken at this time.

December ACM: A poll took place before the meeting? How many people would come?

90% said yes.

Renewal of Area Adobe Forms Subscription Bill S. It is a service the registrar's office uses to change and edit pdfs. It is a luxury to have. \$179.00/year. Who else might need this service? It'll be cancelled.

Two-Minute District Reports (Even Districts) Blaine

(Everyone should submit written reports to Google Drive or to Rose via email or at the meeting)

Committees: Archives, CPC, Literature, NC H&I, Armed Services Jo Ann Z.

Even Districts:

This month was the 11 districts even numbers 2 – 22.

D2 – NH/NR (Not Here/No Report)

D4, Maureen here, short verbal report

D6-Maire here, verbal report

D8 Angelina here, verbal report

D10 Pail K here. Verbal report

D12-NH, NR

D14 – Tom F, here, written report submitted -see report below

D16 – Ted C, here, written report submitted --see report below

D18- Carlos, DCM, and Esther, Alt DCM, here, verbal report

D20 – Flint was here earlier.

D22-NH/NR

District 14 ACM Report for November 18, 2021 -Tom F.

- Our last District 14 meeting was held October 20th - we commenced with the Declaration of Unity.

- We went through introductions.

- We read "Why we Need A Conference", Tradition 10 Long Form, and Concept 10.

- We had a Treasurer's Report and District 14 is in good standing financially.

- Each GSR had an opportunity to update us on what's happening in their groups.

- We are encouraging participation from unrepresented groups.

We have approximately 49 groups in District 14 and currently have approximately 7 GSR's. Meeting adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration. Thank you for allowing me to be of service,

Tom Faccone Alternate DCM - District 14 (Acting DCM) 602-828-3922 tfaccone2010@gmail.com

- The Alternate DCM gave a report, and recapped the monthly DCM Sharing Sessions and the monthly ACM Meetings that they attended in September and October.

- Elections for the new DCM, the new Treasurer, and the new Secretary are on the agenda of the December District 14 Business Meeting.

District 16 report. We have our district elections December 6th and they will be hosted by Monty. Our district helped coordinate the Budget Assembly and we got great feedback from the new GSR's. They enjoyed themselves. Hosting the event is a lot fun. I look forward to serving as Alt Secretary.
DCM Ted Cabaniss, D16

Committee Reports for Nov 18- Committees: Archives, CPC, Literature, NC H&I, Armed Services

SDIAIC (San Diego H&I) Report: Diana Adam November 18, 2021

Our November meeting next Sunday will be as host committee for the Southern California H&I Intergroup, where we will welcome H&I members from committees all over Southern California. The Intergroup meeting will run from 11 – 2; lunch from 11-12 and meeting from 12-2. This will replace our usual meetings, which will not occur! All are welcome. We will have orientation at noon, and coordinators will be able to pick up literature as usual.

Our December business meeting will include general membership approval of both our 2022 budget and our annual election of officers for next year. H&I guidelines indicate that officers serve for one year; they are eligible to serve for a second year, but must rotate after two consecutive years. This year most of our officers are standing for the second year of the two year period. We have several appointed committee positions that are open. If you know of anyone interested in participating in H&I Committee work, please have them contact us through our website: sdhandi.org

We will continue to hold our online orientation on the third Thursday of the month {at the same time as the Area Committee meeting}. We are hoping that on-line will continue to be a good way to introduce new AA members to H&I service. If your district or group is interested in H&I, we would be glad to come and talk to you about H&I. Please encourage any member of your district or group to participate in H&I by attending orientation and finding a commitment. We are experiencing a need for volunteers since most of our treatment facilities are now back up and having H&I coming into the facility.

Contact on Release is a subcommittee of San Diego H&I. We match newly released alcoholics with a volunteer AA member in the community where they will be living. This way they don't have to start their "outside" AA experience alone. Now that we are going back into the facilities in person, we will be experiencing an increase in our requests. Most of our requests come as a result of the information given out at the H&I panels in the institutions.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Archives: John – Our meeting hall is at Harding St., Carlsbad. Tom C will be the new chair. The archivist, Mike, ends this year. Its an appointed position.

9:05 Close with Responsibility Declaration and Serenity Prayer, Blaine H.
Reports on next page.

respectfully submitted, Rose P
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REPORTS:

Monty C
Alternate Delegate 08 Panel 70

Hello Family,

October was a busy month for me. My job allowed me to attend a few events. I was in a different city during 3 of the weeks in October. I had a great time seeing and chatting with clients and old friends. For me laughter was used as a great medicine to relax the soul.

I attend the S&G Workshop and the Area Inventory at the end of October. Both events were fun and full of information. The information from the inventory is being consolidated and will be dispersed soon.

I attended the open house and anniversary celebration that was held at San Diego Central Office. The stories, conversation, and the love of AA filled the room. It was awesome to finally meet so many people in person. I meet some new friends as well. This was a great event and I hope it happens again. If you missed the Budget Assembly, I am sorry. I felt like that was a great event for us. Lots of learning curves and practicing of patience as we worked out a few kinks. Everyone came together and got the job done. A special thank you to everyone that helped in the background to pull this off.

I attended my first PR Delegate meeting earlier this week. I was surprised at how I felt. I knew almost everyone in the room. It totally awesome to be in a room of my peers sharing on one common goal. I look forward to serving this area for panel 72.

Today, I got my first correspondence from GSO. I do not have an assignment at this time, but they will arrive in the next few weeks. I received a letter from Conference Coordinator as an introductory and their contact information.

I was also reminded of the theme for the GSC.

"A.A. Comes of Age 2.0: Unified in Love and Service" and the

Presentation/Discussion topics are:

- 1) How do A.A.'s go to any length to Recover, Unify, and Service?
- 2) Going Beyond Fear
- 3) How to Reach Anyone, Anywhere

The workshop topic for the 2022 General Service Conference:

The Warranties - Our Promise to the Fellowship and the World

I have finally ordered some new GSR Literature. A lot of time were out of stock for some time. I also ordered a few of the new service manuals. DCM, if you have any new GSR that are looking for material, please ask them to be patience and send me there mailing information. Be sure and give them my email to order to make the arrangements.

I also wanted to ask this body, what would you like for me to do with the old service manuals? I do not know how many I have right now, but I can get a number very soon.

November is month know for "Gratitude" meeting. My hope is that each and everyone of you will get to attend at least one gratitude meeting this month. I am truly grateful for each and every of you. I pray that you all have a safe Thanksgiving.

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Cheryl Faith, Area Treasurer; Finance Report: November ACM Report, I just want to grab you all and give you a huge hug!! I am so very pleased with the 2022 Spending Plan! I wanted to stay around \$50K and we did it! I for one really like the process we used this year, including the ACM in the process. I am interested in how it was perceived by each of you and want to give you a chance to provide me, the finance committee, and the panel 72 Treasurer team with your honest opinions. I will ask for feedback at the end of this report.

At the end of October we had \$42,692.59 in the bank. \$5,000 of that money is our prudent reserve. This number has remained constant each month since we have not had a reason to use those funds. Our operating budget will then be \$37,692.59. If this was the end of the year (December) and I had to prepare our accounts for 2022, I would start but subtracting the unspent 2020 reallocation money and sending that sum to GSO. Referring to the October finance report, our unspent reallocation money equals \$3,021.50. This money was targeted to be spent locally in 2021 instead of sending it as a 2020 contribution to GSO. It will be retroactively sent to GSO. Bringing the actual 2021 finances to \$34,671.09,

According to the current Structure and Guidelines I will need to retain \$11,795.75 which represents one quarter of the 2022 spending plan. This is the money that we will use to pay our expenses for January through March. This is another number that has remained constant over the last few reports. Finally, I will subtract the money that represents uncashed checks that have as yet been processed. On September 30, we had \$2,527.23 in uncleared transactions.

\$34,671.09 (2021 finances)

Minus \$11,795.75 (first quarter operating funds)

\$22,875.3

Minus \$2,527.23 (uncleared transactions)

\$20,348.11 (2021 surplus)

Last Saturday the Assembly voted to reallocate \$12,000 of our surplus to fund unbudgeted requirements within our area. The result of this reallocation motion reallocated \$11,463. Leaving us a surplus of \$8,885.11. At the conclusion of the reallocation motion, a floor motion was made to reallocate the remaining project for \$3,500. At this time, we are on track to make a \$5,385.11 contribution to GSO from the 2021 budget.

This concludes my report and I would like to open the floor for questions about my report or to offer feedback to myself and the finance committee regarding the 2021 spending plan process.

Q+A:

How can the surplus money be made available to finance changes in the website?

Was any of the lost money reclaimed or found? *What was left was noted as an expense on the spreadsheet.*

How does the finance committee view our new operations compared to the previous operation?

Because it gave all of you more say in creating the bjdget I believe the finance committee liked it.

Blaine's Chair Report:

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

18 November 2021

Wow, what an experience the Budget Assembly was! While we did start out the day with some drama – church not being open, the room being improperly set up, the sponsoring districts took it all in stride and made things happen with serenity, acceptance, and gratitude that we could meet in person at all. Thank you! And thank you to Karen, Paul K., and Adrian for supplying the technical expertise needed to bring us all together in one room, even though some of us were only in two dimensions on the big screen.

It was gratifying to see that we had a quorum, and not just had one, but a robust one. Lots of new GSRs were present. That is wonderful as far as the health of the Area is concerned, but also, hopefully, the new GSRs will seriously heed the responsibility of their position to join one of our standing committees. Chairs of those committees presented briefly what each one does. That information is also available on the Area website <area8aa.org>. There one can find more about a committee as well as the meeting day, time, and place if in person, and the Zoom particulars if the committee meeting is virtual.

Our committees do so much – from keeping our finances straight, to informing doctors and other professionals about our program, to carrying the message of recovery to young Marines at Camp Pendleton. In the past GSRs were blindly assigned to these committees. Although this was in the true spirit of A.A., that any member was capable of anything, too often the new GSR would find, rightly or wrongly, that the committee assignment wasn't a good "fit" and drop out. Now one has a choice. And while GSRs are expected to serve on a standing committee, let it be known that ANY Area 8 A.A. member is welcome to join and be a part of a committee's good work.

On the agenda a little later in the program is the use of the chat feature on Zoom. This particularly is in regard to the use of "chat to everyone", when there is a motion on the floor, or, for that matter, when any business is being discussed at one of our meetings, ACMs or assemblies. "Chat to everyone" is essentially crosstalk on a grand scale and, more specifically, interrupting crosstalk, as it distracts from what the person who has been given the floor is saying at the time. This topic is something that warrants discussion.

Also on the agenda is the possibility of reviving the December Pot Luck ACM. In past years the outgoing and incoming officers, DCMs, committee chairs, etc. would gather for a pot luck at 6:00 PM, prior to the final ACM of the year. It was a great occasion. Maybe we can do it on December 16th.

UPCOMING EVENTS 11/21 Celebration of Life for Renee R. 2:00 PM – South Bay Pioneers – Chula Vista 11/25 Thanksgiving Day Grateful Meeting – Virtual 11/28 ROOTS EVENT – In-Person – Harding Community Center in Carlsbad 12/4 Hispanic Women's Conference – Tempe, AZ – Also Virtual

Coordinating Council Liaison Report for November 2021 – Susan G

Thanks to everyone who turned out for our Central Office Anniversary Open House. It was amazing!

COORDINATING COUNCIL NEEDS YOUR HELP: To volunteer, See Service page at aa.sandiego.org send email to San Diego Central Office at sdaaco@aol.com phone: (619) 265-8762, or contact me at councilchair@aasandiego.org

H and I panels need treatment panel leaders & participants. Orientations are held the 3rd Sundays at Machinist's Hall in Kearny Mesa & 3rd Thurs on line. See Service page at aa.sandiego.org or sdhandi.org

Phone Volunteers: After Hrs Phones: Groups are needed for open nights-3rd, 18th, 20th, 26th.

Emergency List volunteers, when a regular can't make it. Individuals are needed to fill open nights. Contact Renea, Chair at afterhoursphones@gmail.com There are openings for daytime phone shifts at Central Office. We need sign-ups to take bilingual 12 step call-backs. Contact Judi or Lisa at sdaaco@aol.com

Help painting Central Office: We're hoping to get this finished in Dec. to prepare for carpet installation.

Newsletter Committee: needs help cutting and pasting articles from our archives to make the info more accessible. Contact Chair, Lisa at sdaaco@aol.com if you're available. There's a new cartoon feature "Unglum lot" and a big SUBMIT button to submit articles, stories & poems. You can get the newsletter emailed to you monthly simply by sending a request to sdaaco@aol.com, or sign up at the Bookstore. Pick up 1-5 copies per meeting at the Bookstore, read online every month on the Coordinator Newsletter page of the aasandiego.com website, or join the "Buck a Month Club" – for \$15.00 per year, you can have a paper copy mailed to you each month.

Jean S. will move into **the CEC (Cooperating with the Elderly Committee)** Chair position starting in January 2022. CEC can always use volunteers to help. Zoom link is available at aasandiego.com under Service Meetings. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, January 12, 2022.

Coordinator Outreach: Brian V., Chair shared that the Outreach Committee met & shared their progress. This Committee needs more members! Please contact him at mail to: outreach@aasandiego.com

Public Information Committee: At next month's meeting, the Committee will begin looking at the route's to determine which need service. It's been a journey putting the Committee back in action post-pandemic. They could use help & more members! Please contact Sallye M. at mailto:publicinformation@aasandiego.com

November BOOK OF THE MONTH: 12x12, Soft Cover, Sale \$6.25, Reg. \$8.25 Max: 5 ☒ December BOOK OF THE MONTH: All Grapevine Books, \$2 off, Mix & Match; Max: 5

Coordinators, on behalf of their meetings approved the 2022 Intergroup Budget. Coordinators approved the expenditure of Excess Funds to include: 25% discount on all bookstore purchases through the end of 2021, \$2.00 additional discount on ALL Big Books through 2021, a multimedia system for Central Office, carpet and paint for Central Office, and a one-time donation for District 19 sponsored New Year's Eve Alkathon.

Council Chair, Susan G, encouraged Coordinators to have their meetings vote in alternate or new Coordinators before our December meeting, so outgoing Coordinators could mentor and provide some on-the-job training before the new council members officially take their roles in January.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan G, councilchair@aasandiego.org.
