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NORTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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December 2, 2007

Host: District 4

Reno Triangle Club, 635 S. Wells

Reno, Nv.

12:00 p.m. NAGSC Standing Committee meeting:

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer

Informal meeting of standing committee chairs:

Ray asked for any additions to the agenda. He shared that his subcommittee question for the area inventory was "what is the purpose of Area 42?" and asked for input from those present. Beyond the obvious, "to carry the message," one other good answer was that Area 42 is the voice of the membership carried to World Service, and also carried back from World Service to Area 42 members. During the discussion, it was pointed out that there is no purpose or mission statement in our guidelines or preamble, and this would be a good idea.

Motion to adjourn was passed.

12:25 p.m. Meeting adjourned for lunch

1:00 p.m. NAGSC general meeting opens with Serenity Prayer and

AA Service Preamble

Review and approval of minutes: Motion to approve minutes as submitted was passed

Introduction of attendees

Secretary Report: Carol H.

Carol announced NAGSC contact lists available at the meeting. Please email if you still need one. Asked to be contacted if anyone is NOT receiving e-mailed minutes. Asked for updates on the contact list if needed.

Treasurer Report: Annie W.

Contributions last month: \$345.10

Contributions YTD : \$8342.93

Expenses last month : \$1542.60

Expenses YTD : \$10,205.70

Balance in checking : \$5181.84 (incl. prudent reserve)

Motion to accept the treasurers report as submitted, passed

The mileage expense report form was passed around.

Delegate Report: Mike D.

Mike reported on the problems with GSO and the Grapevine/La Vina:

The biggest issue on my docket, at present, is to get the information I need to send to GSO concerning Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions.

I brought it up at the last NAGSC meeting and found there are some serious problems there as well. The problem areas seem to be in subscriptions and distribution.

I called GSO, talked with the Grapevine rep., and was advised to go to customer service. They switched me to that office and what I found out is as follows.

They can't do anything without specific information. The specific information includes the name and address for/of the subscriptions; is it Grapevine or La Vina; are there some related or relative dates; And what is the specific problem?

So, what I need to have is a specific problem/complaint from each person or group with a problem and/or complaint. I need to compile those, by category, and send the report to GSO.

I need your name or group name (a contact name if it is a group), your address (and if possible, an e-mail address), and a phone number.

Please send the above information as soon as possible by email or email. I will compile it and send it on to GSO.

I would like to be able to get this done by the end of the year, so please send me the information as soon as possible. Remember, I need some pretty specific details.

Send it to:

Michael D.

The sooner I get the information, the sooner we can get it processed. Are there any other issues I need to know about?

Mike also relayed information about PRAASA March 7-9 in Anchorage, Alaska, and the new dates for Area Assembly, April 4,5 6 in Tonopah NV.

Alternate Delegate Report: Jason C.

no report

Area 42 Alt.Registrar Report: Lisa H.

Lisa reports she is learning her new job. She is updating the spread sheet with correct group information. Bill L. contacted me by e-mail regarding PRAASA- would I be interested in attending? That is under consideration, time permitting.

I have new/change of information forms if needed.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Area 42 Webmaster Report: JD B.

no report

Archivist Report: Roger R.

no report

Area 42 Chair Report: Sophie K.

Jason presented Sophie's report:

Greetings everyone, and welcome to all who are here for their first (or first few) times. I hope that you who are new get a sense of the magic in General Service and that you'll keep coming back to experience the Promises in a new dimension.

My update for you: per your instructions at the Area Assembly, I formed subcommittees of interested members to "...suggest ways to implement the suggestion made during the {Area} inventory." Details of how those committees were formed and what they are asked to do can be found, along with the transcript of the inventory itself, in the October newsletter on the Area 42 website. I have asked the chairs of each subcommittee to report back to me with the subcommittees findings by next Saturday, Dec 8.

Please note that it is not the task of the ad hoc subcommittees to take action on any of the comments made during the inventory. Nor is it their job to implement any of the suggestions that they may make to the assembly. It is the role of the groups (through their GSRs), and or individual members of the Area Committee to decide to initiate (or not to initiate) a process for change. At the next Assembly we will have a very full agenda. We will address the proposals currently before the body, we will hear reports from the area inventory follow-up subcommittees, AND we will roundtable the conference agenda items to provide our delegate with our conscience. This will all happen between Friday, April 4 and Sunday April 6 in Tonopah. I look forward to being all together again. Thank you all for your service and for this opportunity to serve you.

Please contact me if I can be of help in any way.

Chairperson Report: Ray G.

Ray presented inventory subcommittee highlights. Feedback was diverse on the question of "what is the purpose of Area 42?" Also on the question of whether the north/south split is to the area's advantage or not.

He will be getting together with Sophie to discuss and plan the conference round tables. It was suggested to have multiple chairs for the roundtables, and maybe to use DCMs as well. Ray asked for topics to be submitted for the roundtables. Mike D. suggested forming a committee using the preliminary agenda items from N.Y. which are received mid February so they can be discussed at the February NAGSC meeting.

Old Business:

A. Finance committee report:

Annie distributed a list of finance committee items and asked that all present prioritize them from #1-8 with #1 being the most important item. Those will be collected today before the end of the meeting.

A discussion took place from the floor:

Ed DeP asked if the finance committee was going to attend to the negative spending trend and try to address or correct that.

John D. answered that the new committee sees overseeing spending and establishing safeguards against overspending as one of its primary purposes.

Marion commented that having a budget will usually help to determine ways to increase income.

Mike D suggested it would be helpful to get information out to the groups as to how to contribute their funds

Ed DeP responded that 7th Tradition workshops are very helpful, but that there is an "education void." He suggested setting up a new workshop for group's Treasurers and GSRs on the topic of service level contributions.

Finally, Mike D. commented that budgets need to be established at all levels of service to prepare for all financial priorities.

B. Ad Hoc committee on PRAASA funding:

Annie reported that \$2000.00 will be needed to fund the 2 NAGSC officers (Ray and Carol H) to attend PRAASA. Also, that \$2050.00 is needed for Spring Assembly, and depending on the locations, about \$1000.00 for mileage to the next 2 NAGSC meetings, for a total cost of \$5050.00 between now and April. Carol B suggested that GSRs and DCMs take this information back to their groups' Treasurers to ask for increased NAGSC contributions in the coming months.

C. Review election change proposal

Dave M. read the proposal again, and there was an extended Q & A session to clarify some confusion about aspects of the proposal. Ray reminded those present that the second reading would not be changed at this time, but to call Dave with further questions so that we will be better informed at the assembly. Mike D. suggested we roundtable this at our next meeting.

D. Review assembly location proposal

Kevin B. explained the essence of this proposal was to move the Area Assembly to different cities for the purpose of bringing an awareness of general service levels and opportunities, and the Area Assembly experience, to more

outlying areas. Also, because the Tonopah convention site and hotel rooms are getting very crowded. Someone suggested that Alanon was considering moving to another weekend/or facility and that would free up space. It was also suggested by several of those present that a cost analysis might be helpful information to have ready for the first reading of this proposal will be in April.

Other old business:

Mike D. reported back on the information he had received regarding how many groups are listed in Area 42 (855), how many of those are active, and how many (39%) contribute to GSO. He asked if anyone had information about a few groups GSO had listed, but no one knew anything about them. If you know of groups that are listed but have closed, please contact Mike.

New Business:

A. First reading of the proposal to change the NAGSC meeting schedule

Ed DeP. Read his proposal:

NAGSC Meeting schedule

The current NAGSC guidelines call for six regular meetings per year. Additionally there are two scheduled assemblies in Tonopah each year. Much time and travel is required to attend all these meetings and a great deal of expense. As we are painfully aware, the cost to travel has increased dramatically in the past several years but contributions have not kept pace.

*Is the current number of NAGSC meetings necessary?

The South meets 4 times per year outside the assemblies.

*Are the meetings which are held immediately after assemblies – April and October needed since most of the members gave reports and were present at the assembly only two weeks prior?

Proposal to change the meeting schedule in the Guidelines

Current.

2.0 Meetings

2.1 Meetings will be held the first Sunday of the following months:

February, April, June, August, October, and December.

Proposed.

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This was discussed by those present, and on Paul E's suggestion was amended to read:

Proposed.

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the NAGSC. Every effort should be made to include all cities of Northern Area.

B. Other new business

(Motion to adjourn at this point, but, no second :)

Annie asked for time to present the compilation of funding priorities. These were prioritized by those present as follows:

1. Funding to Area Assemblies
2. Mileage & Travel Expense- Standing Chairs
3. Mileage- NAGSC meetings
4. Annual Pre-Set Budgets-Standing Chairs
5. Funding NAGSC Officers to PRAASA
6. Funding Committee Chairs to PRAASA
7. Funding NAGSC Officers to Forum
8. Funding Committee Chairs to Forum

NAGSC Standing Committee Reports:

CPC Paul E.

At our last meeting I was asked to contact Mary D the DPC coordinator at GSO about some confusion that Area 42 has two CPC chairpersons. I did this and explained that because of the size of our Area that we do have two; a north and a south. I also contacted John P the SAGSC CPC chair and told him that Mary would like for him to man an AA booth at an upcoming event in Las Vegas. Since then Mary contacted me about a non-AA professional who wishes to start an AA group in Gerlach, NV. Mary explained that AA is not affiliated with any government, philosophy, religion or outside organization. She also sent them some basic information that should be helpful in starting a new AA group and asked me to contact Lisa in Gerlach to see what I could do to help. I contacted Lisa and suggested that after the group meeting was started the best way would be to turn it over to the AA members. I picked up a new meeting start-up packet from central office and mailed it along with some pamphlets a Big Book, and a 12 x 12. I have contacted the Parole and Probation dept. and am working on setting up a meeting so that I can get them some AA literature. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Corrections Sam H.

I am hoping I will be able to finish the list of facilities we are covering soon. I have been asked by the Northern California H & I Committee what facilities we are covering that are within the physical boundaries of California. I also serve as a part of that committee. They would like to know about all the jails, juvenile halls, treatment centers, detoxes and halfway houses. Please help me in this effort to coordinate with them.

We have recently begun taking a meeting to the Federal Prison in Herlong. Some people from Herlong have been taking a meeting into the prison for a while, but we are now going into the camp. When the fellow who was going to go to the camp went to Central Office to get some literature was given a few books but told that the literature was not for California. I went to talk to Michelle and had her look up the contribution which had come from us in that part of California. I think things are worked out now.

In service,

Sam H.

Grapevine, La Vina Chair Mike McC.

It is a privilege to be serving as your Northern Area 42 Grapevine, La Vina chair for the past year and a half.

November 2,3 4 I attended the 4th Annual Northern Nevada Native American AA Conference in Carson City with the Grapevine, La Vina, Books, etc. It was a wonderful conference, with lots of people.

Also, District 6 will be having a GSR workshop the 9th of Dec. in Dayton from 2-3 pm. I'll be there with Grapevine, etc.

And on Dec 16 I'll be at the District 16 Christmas Affair in Sparks.

If your district or groups would like me to bring the Grapevine/La Vina out to you and can cover the cost of transportation please give me a call.

Most of all I would like to thank everyone for enhancing my sobriety through service.

GSR Survival North Ed deP.

No report

GSR Survival South Dave M.

Not much to report. District 6 will be hosting a GSR survival Guide workshop Dec 9 at the Dayton Fellowship Hall.

All are welcome. I would also like to thank the NAGSC members who helped participate in the NNNAAA last month. Lizz, Jason, Kevin, Mike D, Sophie, Mike, to name just a few. If anyone would like a workshop please contact me.

NNIG Liason Steve Van W.

NNIG's Central Office Director, Michelle, announced that she was stepping down as director at the gratitude dinner. The job was advertised within AA, but the listing is now closed to applications. Also Central office answering service needs help. Those asking members to help with service at NNIG were asked to keep them busy. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

PI Jackie A.

In November, Kathy S. contacted me re: meeting with some

reps at Fallon High School to discuss doing a presentation to the students and/or distributing literature geared to HS students.

No other new news.

Special Needs Susan B.

I have been eagerly awaiting response from Mary Claire L. chair of LIM as I relayed at last Area 42's October meeting in Bishop. My attentions have recently been directed to assembling and creating all of the decorations for the Christmas Affair. Yours in Service, Susan B.

Secretary of Caring and Sharing in Stead

Treatment Facilities Mike G.

Hello I am Mike Gillon (treatment facility chairperson) for Northern Area 42. I do not have much to report since last NAGSC. I was able to get in contact with Michael Miller the SAGSC chair and also with the Bridging the Gap in southern area, for a member who wished to get into service. Mike apologized for taking so long to get back to me, his phone was not working. I also am trying to get Warren Stafford (treatment facilities at GSO) to get the NEW video, "Hope". As usual am working on new workshops to be done at treatment facilities. This last month disappeared! Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

DCM Reports: * Please update your DCM info for the Chairperson*

2 Mark T.

no report

4 John D.

District 4 is alive, despite a paucity of meeting attendees. Last month our attendance was three (count them, 3!)

Our most recent activity was to host the December NAGSC meeting. Dennis C. and Jesse A prepared, set up and cleaned up the lunch and the meeting room.

Next month we hope to double our meeting attendance to 6. In the future we hope for double digits! Submitted in loving service.

6 Kevin B.

Funds good- new meetings cropping up in Stagecoach. GSR workshop on the 9th of December. Next district meeting is a holiday potluck. Next Sponsorship workshop will be after the first of the year. The district can fund this DCM to PRAASA. Thank you for letting me be of service.

8 Phil W.

Dist.8 Report: Dec 2

In Oct.the Bishop group elected the last of our new GSRs and at our Nov

Dist.meeting we started our training. Our PI rep and CPC rep have put a panel together and in Nov. did their first presentation in front of a High School audience. The panel is using the pamphlet "speaking at non AA meetings" Our group in Bridgeport is growing and enjoying having a candle lite Sat. evening meeting at the senior hall at 7 pm.The Big Ping group has been doing a Book study on Tue Evenings at 7:30,Crowley Discussion group meets at 7:30 mon night. High Sierra,Bishop,and Mammoth groups continue to

have meetings every day, and June Lake group meets Wednesday at 6:30 in the community center. Thanks for allowing me to be of service

Carrie Codak alt DCM

10a Gene L.

We now have 3 closed meetings . Spring Creek group #1 is starting a Big Book Study. The Elko group is doing well. Focus more on Singleness of Purpose, with good group conscience and attendance.

10b Lizz M.

no report

12 Kathy S.

I hope everyone is having a happy joyous and free holiday season.

-November business meeting well attended

-Ralph B. new GSR for Silver Springs and Debbi S alt. DCM

-7th annual gratitude dinner went great. Thank you to all who continue to work so hard to serve an enjoyable meal; also to Gary and Mike for speaking

-I have been sharing information at meetings and it will be great to have Debbi joining me passing on area info. I was able to help the "lunch Bunch" distribute noey as should be.

-Thank you Annie for asking me to share my experience strength and hope in Hawthorne. You have a great fellowship and I truly enjoyed it.

-We are working on our archives for District 12; a lot has changed in 25 years when it had a zone DCM.

-the Holy Trinity Church is still standing and will be until spring

-There is concern about mandatory insurance on many meeting places. It seems to be coming up a lot; I guess the West is catching up with the East.

-Mike D. has been attending our Language of the Heart Meeting.

It is my honor and privilege to serve Alcoholics Anonymous.

14 Duncan H.

no report

16 Patty P.

Patty P. had an accident and was in hospital at the time of the meeting.

Our best wishes and prayers go out to Patty from all of us....

18 Susan S.

The district enjoyed a well attended meeting in November. Representatives from each group were present. The Yerington groups reported regular jail meetings were being held; also the school district has been approached regarding a presentation being held at the High School. Hawthorne group reported regular women's jail meetings were being held; our corrections chair person Frank L. is helping raise interest with the male AAs to bring meetings to the men's jail. The Topaz Ranch Estate group is presently supporting the Walker group, which has recently been reactivated. The six active groups in District 18 welcome any visitors to their meetings. (schedules available on request). Good to welcome our delegate Mike D to the Sagebrush group on several occasions. Please remember to pick up the District 18 sponsorship Workshop flier. To be held on January 13th at 2:00 at the Holy Family Catholic Center in Yerrington. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

20 Eugene E.

Eugene Evans is trying to get an organizational meeting for the district on Jan 5, 2008. The meeting will be at the Pizza Factory, 2936 Main St, Susanville. Lunch will be at noon, followed by the meeting.

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no report

Other business/concerns/comments:

None

AA related Announcements:

Sunday Dec 9

District 6 Mtg and Holiday Potluck

2pm in Dayton

Sunday Dec 16 12noon-8pm

A Christmas Affair

98 Richards Way Sparks

Schedule: Noon: panel presentation / 4pm: dinner/ 7pm: Speaker mtg

Sunday January 13, 2008 2pm

Appetizers, desserts and sodas provided!

Sponsorship Workshop

Family Gathering Hall 311 W. Virginia St. Yerington 89447

Area Website: <http://www.nevadaarea42.org>

GSR's please note: if your home group cannot pay your mileage to NAGSC meetings, NAGSC will reimburse mileage to you, over 30 miles

NEXT MEETING: February 24

(Date changed to accommodate agenda items for Area Assembly; GSR's please plan to attend this important informational roundtable of agenda items so you can inform your groups and get your group's conscience)

PLEASE NOTE THE DATE IS FEB 24! NOT THE FIRST SUNDAY!!

LOCATION: Topaz Ranch Estates (Park Building)

3999 Carter Dr.

Wellington, NV 89444

Hwy 395 South to SR 208East (South of Holbrook Junction). Fourth Left is Albite Rd. Immediate Right on Carter Way to the end of the road at the TRE Park Bldg.

If your coming from the Yerington direction. It's about 25 Miles West on SR 339 / SR 208 to Wellington and 9 more miles to Albite Rd. Turn Right then again Right on Carter Way to the end.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol H.