

Secretary Minutes from September 7, 8 & 9, 2007 Fall Area 42 Assembly
Tonopah, Nevada

Friday September 7, 2007

Assembly Opened at 6pm with the Serenity Prayer. Area Chairperson Sophie K. read a portion from AA Comes of Age regarding our Third Legacy Services. District 9 with the assistance of (Districts 6 & 5B) is hosting the Assembly. We are continuing to attempt to defray our coffee expenses by putting out a collection can for sodas and coffee in the rear of the room. Non-voting volunteers are needed on Saturday during the Area Inventory. Larry N. (Area 08) will facilitate and Gail N. (Area 08) along with Marita H. (Area 05) Past Delegate currently living in Nevada, will be recording the Area 42 Inventory this weekend. Banquet tickets are on sale @ \$15.00. The meal is being provided by the Rite of Passage from Yerington.

6:30 PM

Area 42 GSR's were given orientations by Past Officers in the main room.

7:00 PM

Roundtables: GSR's in Action, Finance, Inter-groups and General Service & General Service Structure.

Area 42 Committee Meeting:

Present at the Committee Meeting ~ Sign-in sheet included

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| Annie W | Ray G | Jason C | Lee Z | Michael M | Dave M | Robin S | Sophie K |
| Susan B | Roger R | Mike D | Kathy S | Carol B | Marion T | John D | Justin P |
| Stephen V | Patty P | Ted G | Mark T | Leslie N | Niels C | Phil W | Eugene E |
| Paul E | Andy P | Robin M | Lurdes M | Mike Mc | JD B | Pat G | |

1. First thing tomorrow morning Ad Hoc Committee (Leslie, Marion, Jason & Paul) will give report to Assembly and ask for recommendations for Area Inventory.
2. Area Committee Reports will be cut from 2 minutes to 1 minute each.
3. Banquet ticket situation is limited because of Alanon attendance.
4. The Spring Assembly could be held April 4, 5 & 6 2008 (Al-Anon would not be here). This would also give us more time to get information re: General Service Conference agenda items to the Groups.
5. Lurdes M. our Spanish translator is visiting this weekend,
6. Alt. Registrar has resigned; we shall elect a replacement without recommendation this weekend (Sunday). Northern GSRs & DCMs will bring any Group change forms to NAGSC.
7. After discussion regarding numbers of members currently in attendance we decided to proceed with the proposal reading scheduled for Friday evening.
8. JD (webmaster) asked about posting a "NAGSC Newsletter" on the website. Nobody had heard of such a newsletter; discussion followed and was eventually tabled pending more information.

Sophie asked for any questions or comments. There were none. At 7:30 pm the Area Committee meeting was adjourned

7:45 PM

Mike M. (Alt. Chair) informed us of the procedure regarding Proposal Readings per the Area Guidelines.

Second Reading of the Webmaster/Newsletter Editor Guidelines Change Proposal

Paul E. Read the second reading of the Newsletter & Web Servant guidelines change proposed by Ed DP.

Who was not present

A motion was made to eliminate the \$200.00 limit in 1.4 K.3 section.

Current Web-master suggested that the Web-master should not be a voting member of the Assembly.

A motion was made and accepted to take the proposal section by section and vote on each of the four (4) sections separately.

1.4 J.6 passed.

1.4 K.3 amended to omit "with a limit of \$200.00" passed.

1.4 K.7 failed. (36 – 43)

1.4.2 D passed.

8:50 PM

Committee Reports: Ninety seconds in length

Marina B. DCM District 1:

48 Registered Groups, half are active. 20 GSRs attend District Meetings many of them are present this weekend. District Quarterly Workshops included Sponsorship, Traditions and Service work. The Service Workshop inspired a relative newcomer to get involved in a service area introduced to him at the workshop. Archivist Libby G. is providing past histories on the Area website www.districtone-nv.org. Many of the Southern Area Standing Chairs and several folks from Central Office participated in the District 1 Workshops. Boulder City picnic is October 13.

Andy P DCM District 5B:

Our District has over 60 registered groups in 5B. 15-20 active GSRs cover North West LV. Picnic October 14 in Wayne Burke Park. Stairway 11 is putting together a literature person. District 5B is discussing and voting for a proposal regarding "the promises" in a pamphlet.

Duncan H. District 14:

District 14 covers North Tahoe/Truckee to Yuba River. Groups are healthy & well. 4 Groups in District are not represented; otherwise, the District Meetings are well attended. We just had our annual picnic, which was well attended

Susan B: NAGSC Special Needs Chair

I attended the Mammoth Lakes Campout in August where I spoke in front of 200 attendees. We learned the Serenity Prayer together in Sign language with flyers & posters with assistance from the Camp host's deaf daughter. I am continuing to pass out pamphlets to related hospitals and businesses north of Reno. Thanks for your support.

John D. DCM District 4:

Gretchen resigned August 25, 2007. 39 Groups in District 4 with approximately 100 Meetings a week. I have been scrambling to get up to speed, meeting with only modest success. District 4 Meetings are only being attended by 3 to 8 GSR's. We have a new Secretary Dennis C. We held a Service Workshop in August that was well attended at the Cornerstone Club. Driar's Club on Wells has not seen a DCM in 10 years so clearly we need to improve our District communications.

Marion T. Area Treasurer

PRASSA Budgets, Contributions YTD & Profit & Loss Statement are in Packets. Approximate cost to attend Anchorage PRASSA varies from \$900 to \$1000 for airfare and lodging expenses. PRAASA Website has codes for discounts on hotel rooms and Alaska Airline fares. See me if you have any questions.

Annie W. Alt. Treasurer:

NAGSC August deposits totaled \$1168.75, a total of \$6496.64 year to date. Total expenses were \$7166.82. Balance in checking account is \$6230.63.

Mark T DCM: District 2:

I have tried to impress upon GSRs the importance of attendance at District Meetings. I have received ideas from past fellow service members, and I am in the process of implementing them. Treasury funds are stable. I am truly committed to my service position and plan to fulfill it throughout my term. Thank you for helping me stay sober and for allowing me the service opportunity to give back what has been so freely given to me.

Justin P. Alt. DCM: District 13:

District 13 is the Triangle Club located at 4600 South Nellis in LV. We have approximately 39 different Groups with several having daily meetings. Attendance is usually 7-12 at the District Business Meeting on the last Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm on the patio room. We will be having a BBQ October 6th with a speaker and discussion. Speaker Meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30pm.

Lee Z DCM District 3:

[Area Secretary is recording here what was not covered in Lee's reading] In response to a question asked at a District Meeting about why a Women's Convention in Mesquite didn't have District DCM support, "My goal is first supporting registered Groups and then Meetings that want help to grow and register. FELLOWSHIP CONVENTIONS DON'T INTEREST ME. They are not true AA. BUT the Groups are." 10 District 3 Groups are registered. I'm reaching out and trying to visit and support with either my tailgating or a smile and an ear along with "How can I help you"? I am learning much from my traveling through the incredible beauty of District 3. Thank You.

Paul E. CPC Chair

I gave a presentation in May in District 14. Purchased literature in Spanish and English to share as needed/requested. PI Chair Jackie gave me a Pre-Trial Services contact in Reno. I learned about the process they have for handling defendants and how they often get sent to NA/AA. During my talk I explained the difference between Open and Closed Meetings, left pamphlets and Meeting Schedules. Participated in Service Panel ("To Sign or Not to Sign") by Districts 12&18 in July. I will attend Recovery Days in Fallon in Sept.

Patty P. DCM District 16.

Everything going well, donations are down from last year. District 16 Annual Christmas Affair is taking donations and volunteers for Service positions. Attendance 10 -12 at District Meetings. Shake 'Em Up Group has no GSR, so I keep them informed now.

Phil W DCM District 8:

We had our first Service Workshop that included Delegate's Report (Alt. Delegate, Jason C.) GSR Survival (Dave M.) and Grapevine (Mike Mc.) Annual Campout in Mammoth included Special Needs (Susan B.) and again the Grapevine (Mike Mc.) representation from the NAGSC.

We have a new District 8 position "Special Needs Coordinator" filled by Karen S.

The High Sierra Group has a new GSR (Valerie H.). We are hosting NAGSC in October in Bishop.

Carol B. Area Secretary

The admiration I have for the preceding various Area Committee Officers is surpassed only by the privilege of personally observing the perseverance involved in orchestrating these Assembly Weekends. We have a Trusted Servant friend from California with us this weekend who says she is enjoying the pleasure of staying sober through her Service position of translating into Spanish the items we have in the Newsletter and on the Website. Lurdes is a gift we have been in need of here in Area 42 for some time now, and our Area Chairperson Sophie has done the footwork to make this happen for us.

Ray G. NAGSC Chair

Thanks to everyone who made me feel okay about having to leave the Spring Assembly after being able to participate in only the first Roundtable. I had to take my ill wife home to take care of her. I have bragged about the team that keeps NAGSC working well. Summer Highlight has been taking part in a Service Panel in Fernley. Good interaction and was informative and enjoyable. Thank you letting me be of service.

Darryl B. SAGSC Public Information Chair

Since the Spring Assembly we have done a few functions. Human Recourses Convention of 60,000 people, "National Night Out" in North Las Vegas and Clark County Community Health Fair at the Southern Area Collage Las Vegas. These had a good response and were a success. District 1 had us do a Service Panel. One thing I see a need for here in Las Vegas is for Districts to field CPC and PI Representatives as we don't have enough volunteers to cover all our needs.

Dave M. NAGSC GSR Survival Trainer

In May I had the privilege of participating in a Service Workshop at Unity Days in Winnemucca. Lizz and District 10B did a great job; I look forward to another Unity Days in the future.

In June District 8 invited Mike Mc. Jason C. and me down to Mammoth for a Service Workshop. In both workshops I discussed the importance of service within the Group with the focus on the role of GSR. If you are ever in Mammoth be sure to check out the Jelly Donut Meeting.

Mike Mc. NAGSC Grapevine Chair

Here are some of the Groups and Districts I have been to: April 1st./TRE End of the Road Group, April 7th./Fallon 1st. Saturday Speaker (Dist 12), May 4-6/Unity Days (Dist. 10B), June 10th./ 6th Annual Founder's Day Picnic (Dist 6) June 22, 23rd. Mammoth Lakes Service Workshop (Dist 8) and August 24,25,26 High Sierra Campout (Dist 8). I'm looking forward to attending the NNNAAA in Carson City on November 2,3&4th and the Holiday Panel Meeting in Sparks on December 16th. Thank you for enhancing my sobriety through service.

Kathy S DCM District 12:

Thanks to Debbie and Karen, two District 12 GSR's. Fernley Meetings are up to 40-50 people. Aug. 7th was their Annual Picnic. Thanks to Past Delegate Joyce P. for joining us for our Speaker / Birthday Meeting at our Holy Trinity Church, which is closing in November after 30 years of being our meeting place. I'm trying to get some archives regarding the church. Churchill Community Coalition's National Recovery Month has invited AA to join them, and I have set up four General Service Speakers from H&I, CPC and PI for Sept. 22.

Kevin B DCM District 6:

Lake Tahoe, Stateline, Stagecoach, Dayton, Minden, Gardnerville, Genoa, Walker, Carson City. 38 Groups with 100 + Meetings a week in District 6. Activities include Genoa Founders Day Picnic. Sponsorship Workshop in July another scheduled for October. Lake Tahoe Fall festival on October 4, 5 & 6. Northern Nevada Native American AA Conference in Carson City on Nov. 2, 3 & 4. Active GSR's and Groups participating in Service. Groups are funding GSR's to Area Assemblies. Groups are funding District for Events and Workshops.

Sylvia B. GSR District 7

Representing DCM Andy K. who went to dinner. The August Mount Charleston Picnic was a huge success with over 700. Andy wanted to get information out to those of us already in General Service at GSR and DCM levels so as to encourage us to continued Service. So he has asked John, the District treasurer, and me to organize a Service Panel set for October 20, 2007 at the Steps Club from 2-4:30.

Leslie N. SAGSC Inter-Group Liaison

[Area Secretary is recording here what was not covered in Leslie's reading].

Kitty has taken over the Streak Newsletter; her e-mail is crowtotem2000@yahoo.com.

End of the Month Speaker Meeting is located at 3044 S. Highland Ave. LV, NV.

H&I needs support; please pass around your Pink Cans.

Gratitude Ball 2008 will be April 5th 2008 at the Sun-Coast.

Special Needs: Valerie C. volunteered to head up the committee.

Sophie thanked and reminded everyone that the Committee Reports would be recorded in the minutes and will be available in the Area 42 Newsletter. The Assembly closed for the evening with the Responsibility Pledge.

Saturday Morning September 8, 2007 8:00AM

Assembly opened at 8:15 AM.

Minutes from the Area 42 Spring Assembly were approved as prepared and presented.

Jason C. read the report from the AD-HOC Committee for the Area Inventory (Paul E. Leslie N. Marion T. & Jason C.) The final 10 proposed questions will be narrowed down to 6 by the Assembly. Then the Assembly will discuss the 6 items chosen. Sophie explained the process of the voting and counting of hands, the etiquette regarding addressing the items at the microphones and then asked for a show of hands of those in favor of proceeding with the Area Inventory. No one was opposed. Sophie then introduced Inventory Facilitator Larry N.

(Report from the Inventory Facilitator's Minutes to follow.)

Thanks to Larry, Gail, Marita & Curt.

New Business

Marion T. Area Treasurer made a recommendation to offer \$400.00 to each DCM attending PRAASA 2008 to help with the added airfare expenses. A Motion was made and seconded to fund DCMs \$400.00 to attend PRAASA in Anchorage in March, 2008.

Sophie asked for discussion regarding moving the Spring Assembly to April 4, 5&6 2008 to give us more time for Roundtable agenda items. Motion made and seconded to move the Spring Assembly to April 4, 5&6 2008.

Sophie asked for nominations for a replacement of the Alternate Registrar from the Northern Area. Lisa H. and Robin M. stood for the position. Lisa was elected on the fourth ballot 126 votes cast, Lisa - 84 / Robin - 42.

Ray G. requested that the Districts or Groups taking meetings to penal institutions please notify him or Sam H, the NAGSC Corrections Chair, as Sam is putting together a list of jail and prison meetings in the Northern Area.

Committee Reports, continued : Ninety seconds in length

Steve V. NAGSC Inter-Group Liaison

New NNIG Officers list will be available at next NAGSC Meeting. They have openings for Hotline 9-5 volunteers at the Central Office. The 12 Step list needs to be updated and added to. The Gratitude Dinner information can be found on the Website at www.NNIG.org: The Inter-Group service positions are filled except for Treasurer.

Ron D. DCM District 17

Monthly District Meeting with 15-20 in attendance – five are GSR's. We hosted a Service Workshop with 30 present, many were newcomers. We are having "feather dusters" moving out to our area, so we are benefiting from their experience and dedication to service. A recent spiritual meeting in the Canyon was fantastic. It turned into a service-based meeting. We are moving forward and doing well.

Mariano J. DCM District 22

District is working with the PI Committee. We have gone twice to radio stations and to a TV station. We have received 3-4 new persons a week. The Jails and Institutions Committee is going once weekly to the jail, and a new group has formed with 20-35 persons. The Groups are working well doing a Tradition Study. District 22 meets every week on Wednesday. We invite you to join us at the Sierra Nevada Congress, October 13, 14 & 15 at the McCarran House in Sparks.

Robin: Temporary Literature Person

Aurora regrets that she is not present today; she is home with kidney stones. I brought 18 General Service Manuals and we have sold out. I have some Spanish Literature and many other items. Please come check it out and buy some for your Group.

Susan S. DCM District 18

Yerington has started a new Group by the name of Single Purpose. Sagebrush Group in Hawthorne is still having a Speaker Meeting the last Saturday of the month. Smith Valley is having a Meeting at 8:30 AM. Many thanks to Paul E. Ray G. Carol B. & Jason C. who were the panelists at the Districts 18 & 12 co-sponsored Group Structure Workshop held in July. This was well attended by members from the two Districts. The panelist shared their wealth of ES&H on topics such as group unity and singleness of purpose.

Jackie A. NAGSC CPC Chair

I have shared information on Alcoholics Anonymous information at 2 health fairs. Additionally, I worked with Paul E. and provided him with a contact at the Judicial Court system. On August 5th I attended the NAGSC meeting, and I now have the pleasure of providing GSO-created packets and pamphlets to special needs teenagers in District 18. I have been invited to the Recovery Day event in Fallon. If you have a Public Information need, or are aware of someone else's need, please let me know.

Gene L. DCM District 10A

Our two large Elko groups are now one. They are called the Elko Group of AA. Actually it has made our service commitment stronger. It generated controversy, so we now have more participation. We had a great and wonderful time at our "Serenity in the Rubies" Campout this summer. Thank you.

Mike Gillion: NAGSC Treatment Facility Chair.

I have met with the NNIG Treatment Facility Person, Nicole, and found out what she is doing. I also have contacted two managers and one owner of Treatment Centers. They expressed no interest in having any information brought to them. I am having trouble reaching other treatment center managers because of schedules. I am attempting to set up another volunteer position to help me out by making phone calls and setting up appointments. I have set up a workshop in a home for boys in South Lake Tahoe & hope for future Northern Area workshops.

Marco S. DCM District 21

Our mission is to give information to 63 future AA members at the Indian Springs & Clark County facilities. La Viña Committee is continuing to have good work with subscriptions. PI Committee is meeting every 3 months. Nevada Convention was in July and gave Area 42 \$361.00. CPC is inviting Delegate Mike D. and the SAGSC CPC Chair to join them September 15, 2007. For questions contact our office, the address is 4974 E. Sahara ~ Suite 13 LV, NV. Don't forget the Nevada Round Up. Thank you from the bottom of our heart.

Rich DCM District 9

District 9 is no longer dark. Rich was elected DCM two hours ago. Susan B. is the new Secretary; Treasurer is Phyllis M. Jerry G. is the new Alt. Treasurer. Meetings will be 1st. Sunday of each month at the LV Central Office. Thanks to Ray and Rich for stepping up and covering the meetings. Special thanks to Mike from District 6 and Susan and Andrea from 5B for the help with hosting.

Lizz M. DCM District 10B

We co-hosted the NAGSC Meeting with District 10A in August. Battle Mountain's attendance is low. They are going to have Speaker Meetings again to hopefully boost attendance. The Serenity Seekers have elected new Officers. We went over the Area's Inventory questions at the District Meeting. I am looking forward to being a part of this. I have never seen an inventory done at a Group or business level. We will be having a potluck at our next District Meeting in hopes that more people will become involved.

Melvin L. SAGSC Grapevine Rep

Grapevine in the South is doing very well. We were able to add 50 issues to the monthly amount we get. Because of you here at this Assembly, I am going to ask all the people on our Committee to recruit alternates for themselves, to get sponsees involved, and to remind all the people in their Groups that service begins with door greeters, secretaries and on down the line. That's how we all get here to this place.

Mike M. Area Alt. Chair

I also serve as the Chairperson for the Southern Area General Service Committee. SAGSC will meet on the second Sunday in November. One of the agenda items will be budgeting, so all Committee Members and Officers in the South please give us your proposed budgets. If you have trouble figuring that out, I was told to go see your predecessor. That's pretty much it. Everything is well and good. Thank you.

Lisa H. Alt. Registrar

[Lisa is the newly elected Alternate Registrar from the North.] I just came up to thank you and to let you know that I take this commitment seriously. I am happy to serve, and I guess I will be getting familiar with this microphone. Thanks

Sophie K. Area Chairperson

Since March I have been working with the assistance on MANY others on two Area Newsletters and working with the AD-HOC Committee for this Inventory. I was asked to participate in Service Workshops in Mammoth Lakes and Winnemucca. I've also been working with members who are drafting proposals. If anyone has information on videoconferencing AA Meetings please contact me. My Area 42 administrative position has me corresponding with other Pacific Region Chairs. We seek ES&H from each other on various topics. I really love this position.

JD B. Area Webmaster

The website will be sectioned into four Area informational links; Area, Spanish, SAGSC & NAGSC. This should make it easier for you to navigate for what you are looking for. If anyone wants to post an event that is service orientated, please first review the Website Guidelines that are posted on the website to insure that your item meets the guidelines. If it does, then you can submit it directly to me by e-mail. If you find that something on the Website is not working correctly, please notify me immediately. My contact information is on the Area Roster.

Jason C. Alt. Delegate

I have been filling some of the Service Presentation requests for Mike D. when he has had other Delegate Report commitments that weekend. I went to Mammoth, gave the Delegate's Report and participated in a Workshop. Largely what I have been doing is going to the outlying sections of Area 42 and participating in Service Workshops with many of the other trusted servants from the North.

Mike D. Area Delegate

During a move this summer I was camping out in my trailer without any water, electricity or mail delivery for several days. When this got straightened out, I found that the Area Surveys sent from GSO had arrived in late August, and I overshot the deadline to respond. When I e-mailed New York they replied that it was too late for us to participate in the Survey and that the forms were now invalid. So I have made 240 copies of the survey form for you to take and familiarize yourselves with.

Roger L Area Archivist

A couple months ago I got really overwhelmed with this archiving, realizing how much there is and how little I can accomplish. But it's okay; I keep doing the best I can and what I can with the zero funds I receive. I am glad I make enough to be able to spend a little on archives stuff. I have to work on getting a budget together to cover what I am supposed to do. If anyone would like to volunteer to join the Archival Committee we can use help in all the many different areas of this. It's the best job I have ever had but it's not easy.

Roger R. Alt, Archivist

We are in the process of getting memoirs from the Past Delegates - some of them are here in the Archives Room on display. Also they will be in LV and Reno Central Offices. We still need Group Histories as they are very important to the archives. Flyers from your various AA functions are all part of the history of our fellowship.

Assembly adjourned at 4:15 PM

Banquet and Speaker Meeting Saturday Evening.

Sunday Morning September 9, 2007 8:30 AM

Sophie K. Opened the Assembly with a reading from the General Service Manual.

Mike D. Area Delegate

Larry's sharing last night reminded me of the pillars of AA when I first came into General Service, and Larry was one of them. I am amazed by the way my name was known and used by the leaders involved in the various Regional events and at the General Service Conference last spring.

The Committee I was assigned to be on handled the CPC Manual and CPC film.

The Committees tabled many of the items to next year. Read your copy of the 2007 Report I brought for everyone, to see everything that was covered.

Self-Support Pamphlet change was passed. La Viña is doing very well and should be self-supporting in a year or two. The distribution of the Grapevine is 60% of what the subscriptions are to La Viña. The Native American Pamphlet was approved, but they are waiting to get more stories submitted. Treatment Facilities Video is being revised.

At PRAASA they got the Delegates together, and I began to see how all the first year delegates were apprehensive. When I got to the GSC I was still antsy. I was reminded, "If God didn't want me to be here I wouldn't be here." I did get up to the mikes and I did participate. One of the things that came up was the time limit for the GSO Manager.

My wife is from NY and it took her less than 30 minutes after she got off the shuttle to ignore the traffic lights. Average Delegate age range is 29 to 73 and the sobriety range is 9 to 40 years. I looked around the room to find out that I got to be the oldest Delegate present. When they elected the Delegate for the Conference Chair position for next year they pulled one of the Quebec Delegates out of the hat who doesn't speak English, God reminded me that He knows what He is doing and that He really has a sense of humor. I finally understood that the purpose of all of this is the message of Unity. It took me about 6 weeks after I got back here to really understand why I was there. I realized I was not to make a difference but to make sure a difference wasn't made. Once I got that idea in my head I finally became a little bit comfortable in this position. I've still got a lot to learn and I think I'll keep coming back and see if I can learn that.

Reading of Election Guideline Change Proposal

David M. read the rewritten version of the proposal that was first brought to the floor in March 2007, and then Kevin B. and David were fielding questions of clarification.

Because this proposal has been changed does that not make this a first reading?

{This is for the Assembly to decide}

Assembly decided; 1st. reading 51 ~ 2nd. reading 41.

A motion was made and seconded (1 opposed) to table this proposal to be presented unchanged at the Spring 2008 Assembly.

Jason C. strongly suggested that people "read the Guidelines because most of the questions brought to the floor today were Guidelines questions and not questions about this proposal. So, if you get acquainted with the Guidelines a lot of the questions will be resolved prior to coming here."

Sophie suggested that all of us become really familiar with our Guidelines and to do this in gatherings such as Group and District Meetings. Kathy S. (Past Delegate) suggested we use all available General Service people and Past Officers on either end of the state to help understand these proposed changes.

[Secretary's Note] There are three sets of Guidelines in Area 42: 1. the Area Guidelines, 2. the SAGSC Guidelines and 3. the NAGSC guidelines. All three

of these should be posted and available to read and download on the nevadaarea42.org website.

Second Reading of Area Finance Committee Proposal

Marion T. read the proposal to create a Finance Committee for Area 42, then fielded four questions and five comments regarding the finance committee's duties and funding. There was a call to vote from the floor. A motion to accept the proposal as presented was made and seconded. The Area 42 Finance Committee proposal was passed without opposition.

Ask It Basket

Ruth J. [Empress] called us together for the Ask it Basket

Julian R. [and his harem today]. Questions were drawn from the basket and addressed in order.

Julian R. - Should the DCM live in the District represented? *Home Group should be in the District represented.*

Kathy S. - Is it important for GSR's and DCM's to be funded for PRAASA and Forums from the District and Area? *The Home Group is responsible to fund their GSR's first and foremost. In the event there is a need for additional financial assistance then your DCM can assist the GSR in requesting funding.*

Joyce P. - If Anonymity is the spiritual foundation of all our traditions, then why do we use last names? *We are not anonymous in AA we are only anonymous at the level of the media. Dr. Bob has been credited as saying that we do more harm then good by not giving our last name to newcomers who may want to locate a member to talk to.*

Marita H. - Now that we shifted the calendar to April of next year could we propose making a universal change of guidelines calling future assemblies our "spring" or "fall" assembly rather than by the month? *Marita thinks that is a great idea.*

Joan M. - If "nothing, absolutely nothing happens in God's world by mistake" then why are we trying to "Fix it"? *We each have our own Higher Power and we each have our own opinions. And it's God's job to make sure that God's work gets done here regardless of our own opinions. So it isn't a matter of us fixing it, it's a matter of us listening to our Higher Power and making it work.*

Julian R. - Does it help or hurt the Group to have a GSR stay in the same position past the suggested two years because no one else will do it? *Spirit of rotation calls for us to stay in a term of service just long enough for us to learn what we are doing then it's time for us to move into another job. It is not good for the Group it is not good for the Fellowship and it is not good for the individual.*

Ruth J. - Since Area Officers are funded by the Area, why are they paid \$10.00 to register only to be paid back their \$10.00 in Area funding? *Some alcoholic thought that's the way we should do it is probably the answer.*

Kathy S. - Please give suggestions to increase home group participation in business meetings and in service in general. *My Home Group announced that we were changing the name of the group then we told them we were changing to non-smoking meetings. One serious suggestion I have for you is. How many people are you sponsoring? How many people are you tapping on the shoulder and saying, "as my sponsee I insist on your attendance at this meeting"? Responsible Home Group members should attend all business meetings. If everybody would do that it should double the size of the meeting attendance.*

Joyce P. - If a District dies or has gone dark can a Group with an active GSR join another District? *Absolutely! What I think we would all like to see is for the District to be revived, and if you are willing to do the footwork to get the interest of the other Groups in the District maybe you could revive it. Maybe you could try asking the DCM of the adjoining District to help you reform that District.*

Marita H. - When and where is the Forum in 2008? And what is it? *Our Regional Forum is held in June or July on the even years in our Pacific Region. Next year the Forum will be held in Spokane WA. The Forum is when our General Service Officers & Staff members from the Grapevine, AAWS and GSO all bring AA to us. It is a great time for any AA member to just walk in and see first hand what they are doing. They come out to explain to us what they are doing for us in NY, the Treasurer gives a report, we can meet the CEO the GSO Manager who really just want to talk to the rank and file fellowship. It really behooves us to attend one of these events.*

Ruth J. - Why can't we rotate this meeting between LV and Reno? *They can if they want to change the guidelines, but we would loose the continuity we now enjoy. Write up the proposal and we will have a nice discussion next time.*

Joan M. - How do you remove a member from a meeting for being disruptive, and the group is split in half as to do it or not? *Maybe the GSR or the secretary could take them off to the side and talk to*

them, explaining that maybe they could find another meeting if the don't want to abide by the meeting format. If you would like to contact any of the Past Delegates please feel free to do so.

Marion T. came to a mike and said; "An Inventory is all fine and good but unless it is followed by action and more action it does not come to anything". I would love to entertain to have the AD HOC Committee *[on the Area Inventory]* continue to work or the Chair select a new AD-HOC Committee to take a look at the suggestions that were made and what it would take to put them into action so that they can be brought back."

Area Chair (Sophie) asked the Assembly (those present at the closing of the Assembly) if they want to ask her to form a new committee or use the old committee to continue. Marion then made a proposal for: "The Area Chair to appoint a committee to follow up on the Inventory results to suggest ways to implement the suggestions made during the inventory." Motion was seconded with no one opposed. Sophie said that normally proposals are to be submitted in writing but that this time she would write it. ~ "Chair to appoint a committee to follow up on the Inventory results to suggest ways to implement the suggestions made during the inventory." ~

District 6 volunteered to host the Spring Assembly on April 4, 5 & 6 2008. District 5B will supply the soft drinks and bottled water.

Assembly closed at 11:15 a.m. with the Responsibility Pledge.

Respectfully Submitted
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