

Southern Area 42 Meeting General Service Committee

Minutes – November 8, 2009

T.I.E. Club, 329 N. 11th St. Las Vegas, NV – 1:00pm

Meeting opened by Andy K at 1:20 pm with the Serenity Prayer and the Preamble.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the July minutes be approved as written.

Secretary, Edie D, did not have a report.

Treasurer's report given by Cherie N – approximately \$23,000 in total in SAGSC accounts between checking account and CD. Tax return area paid \$900 last year. We agreed we would pay difference for filing our report with the area. Combined tax return this year – our portion \$1020 to Area 42. Going forward the cost will drop as last year there were a lot of questions by NAGSC which increased the CPAs cost.

Motion made to split SAGSC from Area 42 and get own tax ID file with Federal government non-profit status (5013C), seconded and there was some discussion regarding the pros and cons. Motion was defeated.

Motion made, seconded and carried to reimburse Cherie \$129 for copier toner (reimbursement of cost) to cover the copies of reports made for meetings. Previous treasurer had been going to Kinko's and cost was a bit high.

New GSRs and DCMs were asked to stand – there were 11 new GSRs and 1 new DCM.

Old Business: New IRS filing and loan to District 1 already taken care of.

New Business: Andy proposed/requested \$1000 budget to cover the purchase of a laptop, printer, external hard drive and toner/paper for the current SAGSC secretary, to remain the property of SAGSC and to be passed on to the next person taking the commitment. Discussion followed on the pros/cons. Motion made and seconded and carried by the majority.

It was requested by Joan M that all committee chairs and alternates submit their budgets by the end of the month to her.

Committee Reports:

H&I – Tim currently supporting 48 weekly meetings in jails, prisons, hospitals, etc. YTD contributions \$18,735. Putting on Corrections Workshop on January 23rd at Salvation Army – registration \$5 which does not include meals.

Grapevine – no report.

CPC – Tim not present – see PI

PI – Cindy gave combined report recapping recent events and advised the focus for Fall 2009 on healthcare community. Future areas of focus will be criminal justice, law enforcement, military, etc. Have available 40 AA at a Glance display boxes available to anyone who wants to take a box to their doctors office as a means to get the message out.

Intergroup – Andre advised there were 1193 hotline info calls, 840 Central Office calls and 190 daily hits on the website for month of Sept. Silver Streak looking for articles – especially for the International in San Antonio in July. Considering ways of reducing expenses at Central Office possibly by cutting back on employee hours. Central Office is currently dipping into prudent reserve CD reserve is approx. \$30,000 The average expense is close to \$10,000 per month, so total reserve as of now including CDs and reserve account would cover 4 months.

LV Roundup – no report but some discussion as to why they are included in format.

Special Needs – Leslie advised a few meetings have been taken to those unable to get to meeting and passed around a sign up for those willing to take a meeting or make calls to those unable to get to a meeting. There is also a volunteer who will sign at Monte Vista meetings every 1st and 3rd Friday. Also looking for a Spanish signer and got a volunteer from the room.

Webmaster – no report

DCM Reports

District 1 – Susan thanked everyone who attended their annual picnic in October and also thanked SAGSC for the generous loan which made the picnic possible. Business meeting will be held today immediately following this meeting and one of the discussion topics will be repayment of the SAGSC loan.

District 3 – Russ advised they are self-supporting and active meetings within the district are regular and well attended. Since the Fall Assembly they have been working on ways to better serve Concept One.

District 5A – dark

District 5B – John C apologized for lack of refreshments due to miscommunication. Held workshop on sponsorship; held August picnic; another workshop on Traditions scheduled for Nov. 21st at Stairway II. Have 2 new GSRs and one Alt GSR. Working on registered meetings and verifications and trying to get more participation.

District 7 – No Report

District 9 – Keith Alt. DCM formerly dark and continuing to make progress in getting GSRs to participate and introduced new GSR. Also working on a pizza fundraiser for some time next year and will give more details as they solidify.

District 11 – No Report

District 13 – Justin currently 13 GSRs out of 30 groups. Almost elected an Intergroup Rep who will be attending next meeting. Have had several area committee people speak at their meetings. Have had Tradition Workshops covering first 9 Traditions this year and the last 3 will be covered sometime in December. Will be having marathon meetings at the Triangle Club on Christmas Eve through Christmas Day.

District 15 – Dave advised had District picnic in October and learned much from District One. Made some money which will enable them to fund at least 2 GSRs for the Spring Assembly. Preparing for their Christmas marathon meetings and their New Year Alcañon; proceeds of which will go to Central Office.

District 17 – Dale – about 30 meetings per week in Pahrump and of the 5 outlying areas, only Death Valley (Furnace Creek) is active at this time. Have most of committee members covered, although some individuals have more than one commitment in order to get coverage. Also have a new liaison to District 21. Workshops have been pared to quarterly in order to boost attendance – next one is December 19th. Newcomers are quite active and the district is in okay financial shape.

District 19 – Doug (Alt DCM) there are 6 meetings in Ely, one each in McGill and Eureka. Going into high school and also trying to get into Nevada state prison. Negotiating to take meetings into county jail. Will send report.

District 21 – Eduardo having district meetings every Thursday and visiting groups twice a week. Advising groups of assistance in Spanish Convention and also assisting in Convention as Spanish speaking delegates. Supporting Spanish speaking Roundup Committee. Next month will start promoting their local forum of General Services which will take place in 2010 and also ready to assist at PRAASA event in March 2010 in Los Angeles.

Officer Reports

Alt Registrar – Michell sent in all change forms from Tonopah and Kevin confirmed that he forwarded to GSO in New York. Receiving new GSR forms by mail and sending them on. If anyone is new, please fill out name, address, group name, phone number and give to Michell or email to:

[REDACTED] and please put "GSR information" on the subject line. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 716-76-7

Archives – Caroline has been going to picnics and business meetings and thanked the Districts that invited Archives. Really need some District archivists to go through records to see what is available. Caroline will be happy to meet anyone who can't make the Tuesday morning meetings. Need volunteers with display, design and construction experience to put together plan on how to best display. Phone is 592-0890.

Alt Delegate – Mike advised at Spring Assembly in Tonopah will be discussing agenda items in Round Table fashion. Assembly is weekend of March 28th. There will be 6 Round Tables before the Assembly for discussion of topics and for GSRs to take back to their groups. There will be presenters and these topics will again be discussed at Spring Assembly. The Round Tables here will be at T.I.E. club on Feb. 28th at 2:15 until 5:15pm, after discussion of date and time and a motion made, seconded and carried for the above date/time. Lots of discussion regarding logistics. Would like to be able to have heard discussions prior to PRAASA in March.

Delegate – Jason advised all delegates go to NY yearly and the agenda items are what is discussed at the Conference and discussed in Round Table fashion. By February 15th he will get background information on agenda items which will be chosen by GSRs, groups and membership. At the Area Assembly, the PI committee will be covered which is the committee on which Jason serves. The 6 items chosen by the body may not be discussed on the floor. On PI, our delegate has 100% say, but on all other items he may not. The committee brings the items to the conference floor for discussion and vote.

At 2/28 Round Table and March Assembly, focus will be on the PI items. On 2/15 delegates receive background information and a 6 to 10 person committee will summarize. On 2/16, committee will email Jason, Sophie & Marion with summaries to date. On 2/18, Marion will get final summaries. On 2/19, a consolidated summary document will be sent to Area Committee (including DCMs) and then DCMs send out to the groups GSRs to pick top 6 items. GSRs will return top 6 votes to DCMs who will send to Jason

not later than 2/21 and Jason will send out top 6 by noon. There will be 6 Round Table facilitators to prepare for the 2/28 discussions. Jason's details are: delegatearea42@gmail.com – phone 775-412-8785. On 2/21, districts 21 & 22 two English speaking volunteers to give information to interpreters and need to arrange meeting place.

In order to prepare PI presenters, need past delegates to study and 8 volunteers will present at Round Table and Assembly.

Some groups schedule special meetings on 2/20 to choose the 6 or the GSRs will choose.

Six Agenda Items – Finance – Corrections – Grapevine – Literature – Book of Stories – Video

Jason proceeded to answer several questions from the floor on the Agenda items and the voting process. He also discussed some of the items which have been discussed and/or approved and will compile a report and forward this to us.

SAGSC Chair – Andy apologized that he was unable to attend the conference call, however he was asked to give report on the Website. There will be a link to the test website on the Area Website (www.nevadaarea42.org) and a link to the website survey will be available as well (external survey). The Area Committee Members will also receive a link to an Internal Survey (one of the questions being to have a site professionally built and maintained vs. volunteer webmaster). The internal survey will be forwarded to DCMs to send to groups in their districts.

Area 42 Chair – Byron conducts the conference calls; the next one will take place on January 31, 2010 at 5:00pm. If you want to participate, advise Edie and Marina.

The Finance Committee will be at T.I.E. Club on Dec. 12th at 1:15pm

Next meeting will be Sunday, January 10, 2010 at 1:00pm at T.I.E. Club. District 5B will be hosting the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,

Edie D. [REDACTED] SAGSC Secretary