

Southern Area 42 Meeting General Service Committee

Minutes - May 9, 2010

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

Meeting opened by Andy K at 1:18 pm with the Serenity Prayer and the Preamble.

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

Secretary Report - None

Treasurer's Report - Cheri - Checking & Savings balance \$20,642.74 and per P&L we have a loss so far this year of -\$1,742.26. Please pick up your groups receipts for contributions so Cherie does not have to mail. Finance committee developing guidelines for area - would like to see SAGSC and NAGSC fall into line with these guidelines. Will be presented in July.

Finance Committee - None

Area 42Chair - Byron - Jan 2011 new officers will take over responsibilities at area level. Must have action by July 5th. All area positions will be rotated except for Archives. SAGSC - Delegate, Alt. Area Chair, Treasurer, Alt. Secretary and Registrar. NAGSC - Alt. Delegate, Area Chair, Alt. Treasurer, Area Secretary and Alt. Registrar. Elections held at assembly in Sept. Last SAGSC meeting prior is July 11th. Need resumes prior so we can print and have at July 11th meeting. Nominations from floor will NOT be accepted for Delegate & Alternate, Chair & Alternate. Resumes are to be sent to SAGSC secretary by July 5th. Resumes of candidates standing from South should be available to the North. NAGSC meeting is August 1st- send by end of July. Edie will forward any resumes to Carol. We will get copies of North resumes by our July meeting.

Delegate's Report - Jason - Attended 60th General Service Conference in Rye, NY on April 18-24 - 131 voting members of Conference US & Canada etc. Pacific Region went on field trip to Rockefeller Estate on the Saturday prior to start of Conference. Sat night delegate only meeting (93 delegates). Jason asked to give presentation and would receive email but topic was different. No copy available on podium as Jason had expected so ran up to room to get his laptop only to remember that it was on the table in Conference room. Realized that he had been asked to give 2 presentations instead of one "Trust in the Process". Ended up working out with help of higher power. There are two people who chair the Conference (Phyllis & Lowell) who switch off and they were wonderful. 17 floor actions this year. 6 floor actions were asked to be consolidated into 2.

First agenda item - Corrections B - committee reviewed progress report on signing sponsorship agreements from Trustee's felt not enough information and asked for more details. This will return as not enough information.

Finance A - Additional consideration - majority of fellowship not in favor of limit and committee does not recommend limit. Fellowship agrees on Trustee's recommendation on self-support.

Finance B - pamphlet "Where Money & Spirituality Mix" replacing pie charts w/text. Re-committed to 2011 conference committee on finance. Can group make financial contributions to Grapevine - No. Gather 7th tradition stories should go into new or existing literature - Yes.

Discussion of additional ways for self support - items forwarded to 2011 committee for further discussion. Recommitted to Finance Committee.

Literature C - Develop Conference approved literature focuses on spirituality and include atheist/agnostic views successful in staying sober. Bring draft or conference report to 2011.

P.I. C - add statement to pamphlet Understanding Anonymity re living members names in memorial statements. What should I tell my loved ones about protecting anonymity. Draft will be brought back to 2011 conference. New Text: AA members though are in agreement that the anonymity of still living AA members should be respected in obituaries or any type of printed remembrance or death notice. Draft of changes to page 7 will be brought back to 2011 Conference.

P.I. E - AA at a Glance flyer - change wording from "drying out" to "detox" and the word rehabilitation rather than sanitariums in What AA Does Not Do section and revised AA at a Glance. Make pamphlets consistent.

P.I. F - develop policy on showing full faces of actors portraying alcoholics - body 50/50 on whether to show or not. Unclear - put to trustees to look at next year.

P.I. G - consider present idea for future General Service Conference on topic of anonymity in the digital age - changed to an additional consideration and agreed to forward for discussion for 2011 - will be a presentation. Second additional consideration for a pamphlet.

Box 459 Summer is currently on GSO's website in English. Hard copy available some time this summer.

AA Grapevine Inc accepting applications for new Executive Editor. Grapevine is a published magazine - La Vina is a service tool (pamphlet) provided by the fellowship. AA Grapevine Inc will be conducting two surveys to see how GV is helping membership. Want to hear how can improve magazine.

\$197 per year per each registered group to be full self-supporting and (??) per member. GSO working to reduce expenses as much as possible.

Anonymity in on-line media. PI chair sent to all delegates - utilize variety of means (workshops, newsletters, etc.) to stimulate AA members discussion on how to maintain anonymity in on line media such as social networking sites.

Launched contributions on line so groups can now contribute via AA website. Look at website: www.AA.org to see this.

Archivist (new) will be launching digital archives in www.AA.org in June.

Rod B newly elected Pacific Regional Trustee. May make it to our next assembly or possibly the one thereafter.

Jason's blog is a good place to ask questions of delegate (Area 42 website).

Committee Reports:

H&I - Tim - Starting new meeting at Casa Grande, Russell off the 15, and must be cleared to get in. (in transition from prison back into general population). Both men's and women's meeting. Trying to revise by-laws.

Grapevine - Cynthia - still meeting 2nd Friday of month now at 6pm at Central Office and this has improved attendance. Increase in GV reps. Sponsoring literature table at Sept assembly. Had table at Gratitude Ball and at Founder's day. See SAGSC roster for new contact information. No longer in red as of April. Each month will pick a recovery or sober living house and give a GV subscription.

CPC - Cindy giving CPC & PI report. Both Tim and Cindy attended spring assembly. Gave presentation at Bishop Gorman HS - presentation at Prestige Assisted Living. Mailed 50+ letters to local high schools offering to make presentations. Focus on local courts next. Meetings 3rd Monday of the month from 6-7pm at Central Office. June 14th Welcome Home Veterans at Gold Coast.

Intergroup - Caroline - attended PRAASA in March; unable to attend April meeting of Intergroup due to her mother's death. Attended Spring Assembly in Tonopah.

Special Needs - No Report

DCM Reports

District 1 - Susan - has paid debt in full to SAGSC and now has prudent reserve due to generously of District 1 membership. Flyer for upcoming workshop will be emailed to Andy for distribution. District One picnic will be first Saturday in October.

District 3 - Russ - donated \$500 to Central Office due to high income/prudent reserve. There will be plans made for a themed/party meeting at the next business meeting on May 30th.

District 5B - John - financials sound but contributions behind last year. Recruiting efforts for new GSR's several new ones attended Tonopah. District picnic in October.

District 7 - Sylvia - has continued increased participation of GSR's and other volunteers for 25th annual picnic on Sunday, August 15th. Max 499 tickets - no pets this year. Service event in April - 5 speaker panel very successful. Probably 40 people in attendance. On Friday May 21st at our District meeting Mike will attend and address the body.

District 9 - Keith - Alt DCM started taking a district inventory. Have events coming up.

District 11 - Norma - (formerly dark) new DCM made it to Eureka has a group of (1). Thanked everyone who showed up at Tonopah and purchased beverages which helped build their treasury. New group on Goldfield and added meetings at the Book Shelf in Tonopah. Trying to get to remote meetings.

District 13 - Justin - have 17 GSR's registered and have new committee members. Hosted Delegate yesterday. Will host food at September assembly.

District 15 - Dave - introduced GSR's Paul has generously volunteered services of one of their members to fix PA system. Next event Cowboy Lee on 2nd Sat of July and will continue every Sat in July. Will be doing Speaker Dinner at next assembly in Tonopah.

District 17 - John - 8-12 district people at meeting. Had workshop on preamble. Next workshop on July 17th. Will have picnic Memorial Day weekend. Artifacts meeting in June.

District 19 & 21 - no reports.

Committee Chair Reports:

Alt. Delegate - Mike - good round tables at PRAASA. Jason & Mike asked to attend Native America conference in Las Vegas, but same weekend as Tonopah - trying to figure out how to make both. If want Mike to speak at your group, just ask.

Archives - Carolyn - having fun with Artifacts meeting - next Sunday is next meeting. Lunch at 12:30 and will have first traveling Artifacts meeting in Pahrump on June 6th. Went to Mesquite in April and interviewed little Rita and Ray to get history of AA there. All welcome to join committee meeting every Thursday.

ALT Registrar - Michelle - not a lot to report. Went to District 13 and next month to District 15.

SAGSC Chair - suggested we reschedule next May's meeting to the first Sunday instead of the 2nd Sunday, but that may not work as Jason may not be able to attend. Will keep it as it stands.

Next SAGSC Meeting - July 11th

Spring Assembly Tonopah - Sept. 10th weekend.

When are elections for SAGSC officers? November meeting - usually pick from floor - bring resumes.

Meeting closed at 3:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
Edie D., SAGSC Secretary