

## **Southern Area 42 Meeting General Service Committee**

Minutes – May 8, 2011

T.I.E. Club, 329 N. 11<sup>th</sup> St., Las Vegas, NV - 1:15pm

Meeting opened by Justin P. at 1:15pm with the Serenity Prayer and the Preamble.

All new GSR's introduced.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the January, 2011 minutes be approved after Archive and Bridging the Gap reports are added.

### **Secretary Report** - Rich - None

**Delegate Report** - Byron – Got back from the GSO Conference in New York last night. 135 in attendance, 93 Delegates, 23 Trustees, 15 GSO staff, 6 Trustee Directors. Finance is good as a whole and has 11 month reserve. GSO has reduced cost as much as possible. Grapevine had a \$400,000 loss in 2010. They have a new Chief Executive and 7 Board members. The pamphlet on spirituality has had 198 stories submitted thus far. It was approved to put the preamble in the Big Book, but it was sent back for discussion on where in the Big Book to put it. Digital AA material is moving forward. Purchase can be directly from GSO. They will be reviewing all trademarks and copywrites. GSO will do an inventory for communication between boards. There was 3 new Class B Trustees elected for Canada, Southwest and Northeast. The general theme for the next conference will be "Safety in AA- Our Common Welfare"

**Treasurer's Report** - Vince - No report given, information from email. Net income \$-3,858.78 as of May 7, 2010. Current balance of \$19,693.84 in checking and savings. Total assets of \$19,693.84.

**Registrar** - Jake – June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the new deadline for confidential regional directories. These are the directories that the GSRs will put a check next to Yes or No if they chose to be listed. The computer and printer have been obtained for the Registrar position under budget, I am still working with GSO to have FNV installed on it. I do have everything updated that was given to me in Tonopah and all the DMC's were emailed the list of groups in their District. The last I heard, forwarding me any changes from Area 42 list of officers was not working properly so please forward them to Enjoymoment1@aol and list GSR in the subject line so it doesn't get put in Spam. I do check the Spam but it helps.

### **Webmaster** - JD – No Report.

**Archives** - Carolyn – Life is going well in the Archives. We have been plugging away at getting the Area records in order and could use some help with sorting and filing. It would be nice if each District and Committee would elect or appoint an Archivist to help with that particular section of the records. Breaking them down and working together makes the project manageable and FUN. Our Area history is very interesting and we want to put it in order so that it can be shared with our fellowship. We've been having a great time at the monthly Artifacts meeting at Central Office. Last month, we learned about the history of Spanish-speaking AA in Southern Area 42. It was very interesting. Our next Artifacts meeting is next Saturday, May 14th. Minnie M., Joe B. & Craig C. will be telling us about what AA was like when they got sober - and what changes they have seen. Please come join us. We serve lunch (\$5) at 12:30 and then the panel members share their memories of early AA in Area 42 from 1-2:30. There are flyers on the table - please take them back to your groups and make announcements at meetings. If you are hosting a District meeting, workshop, picnic or other event, please invite us. We would love to bring an Archives display to your AA-related events. If you wish to donate historical articles, photos, meeting schedules or items specifically related to our Area, or volunteer your time and talent to create Area 42 Archives for everyone to enjoy, please call me: Caroline -- 702-592-0890 We look forward to your participation and assistance with this major project of bringing local AA history to everyone. We have a real need for people with audio expertise.

**Special Needs** - Leslie D. – Special Needs is responding to requests by Central Office. I attended the Spring Assembly in Tonopah and gave my report. I plan on attending the upcoming Forum held in Thousand Oaks, Ca. in hopes of gaining some information that might be useful with Special Needs. (Funding for this trip will be on my own) Special Needs will

have a table set up with literature and wheelchairs at the upcoming Founders Day Event. Special Needs participated in the last Service Festival and had 1 person to volunteer.

**CPC / PI** - Cindy – 4/26-presented to the 9th grade health classes at Bishop Gormon High School. The students were very attentive and enjoyed the presentation. There was an enthusiastic response following the young AAs who spoke. We are always looking for young speakers! 5/17-will be presenting to the 9th grade health classes at Palo Verde High School. We will be contacting more schools directly do more presentations. Cooperation with the Professional Community: 6/6 - 9AM - 3PM VA Welcome Home Celebration at Palace Station Grand Ballroom 2nd Floor. Information table set up and manned. We do need some volunteers for this commitment. 6/24 thru 6/26-Will have a manned literature table at the Human Resource Convention at the Las Vegas Convention Center. During our last meeting we brainstormed

**Finance Committee** - Dave – No meeting.

**GSR Survival** – David W. – 3 new GSRs. Guides online.

### **Committee Reports:**

**H&I** – Alan – Big Books & 12X12 a total of 78 cases English and 18 cases Spanish, 890 Pamphlets, 1000 meeting schedules. Financial information not available until May 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Bridging the Gap** – Alan – Had 13 requests, 5 need more information. We have cards to pass out and Spanish cards are needed. New co- chair Darryl. Have been updating volunteer list.

**WACKYPAA** – We are hosting an event in Sacramento, CA on May 28th. A.A. Jeopardy. June 11<sup>th</sup> Anonymity in the Digital Age panel followed by Mascar dance at the Serenity Club, Starts at 8.00 P.M. Speaker meeting and Sober Olympics co-hosted with sober in the sand meeting, Sunset Park, the date is to be determined. Late June. Mid Year Summit will be July 16th will have a host of out of town speakers, meetings, panels, dances and an A.A. Scavenger Hunt on the strip, will be an all weekend event. location TBD. We are having events every weekend to raise money for our conference. WACKYPAA will be Jan 26<sup>th</sup>- 29th 2012 and will be at the Alexis Park Resort, located off Harmon Ave. Registration is \$20.00 right now but will be going up soon. Our business meetings are held the 2nd Sunday of every month at the Serenity Club 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of every month at 1:00 pm.

**Grapevine** - Robin – No Report

**Intergroup** - Glenn – April intergroup meeting had approx 35 people in attendance. Central Office reported 1,050 information calls, 84 - 12th step calls, 1,114 hotline calls and 90 - 12th step calls, 190 website hits per day for a total of 5,890 hits for the month. Intergroup Treasure reported a general account balance of 38,828.69, a total net gain for the month of 1,170.83 after expenses. Literature checkbook account balance of 7,656.88 and a Prudent Reserve 20,536.19. The Hotline Committee is filling all their spots and asks to please keep volunteers coming. Bridging the Gap has a new co-chair and will help sort out all the volunteers for their committee. The Silver Streak is our local news paper and their begging for stories and events to publish. Follow the link at [lvcentraloffice.org](http://lvcentraloffice.org) to submit your story or event. They also publish the minutes from our intergroup meetings. Yearly subscriptions are 7.00 via email, 10.00 US mail or 1.00 ea. and can be picked up at Central Office. The By-laws Committee has finished reviewing the Intergroup By-laws and has recommended changes. These changes will be voted on at our June Intergroup meeting. Packets of the By-laws and the proposed changes can be picked up at Central Office. The Gratitude Ball was a great success. Thank you all who attended. The final report will be made available at the next intergroup meeting. The Founders Day Celebration is Sat. June 11. 2011 at the Salvation Army Chapel located at 2900 Palomino Lane it starts at 7am and the cost is only 5.00. All proceeds go to Central Office. The Intergroup Steering Committee meets this Monday at 5pm at Central Office and ALL intergroup reps and committee chairs should be there. There were no reports from our 12th Step Committee or from our Spanish community. There has been much discussion about some clubs using security cameras inside their clubs. There not in the meeting areas, but in the club area, and are clearly posted. The Unity Committee has been following up on these concerns. Is this an outside issue, could this break anonymity of our fellowship, to inform our fellowship should we put a

note in the meeting schedule as to which clubs use camera's. You can voice your concerns at the next Intergroup meeting this Monday at 6pm at Central Office

### **DCM Reports**

**District 1** - Emily F. - If you are a new GSR with District One please be advised we will be meeting in the small room immediately following today's meeting. We are also working on new emails for all the officers and GSR's in the district, officer's are currently active and the GSR's should be up soon. We are currently working on a welcome packet for reaching out to new GSR's and unrepresented groups. Our major dilemma this past month was helping to identify which area Laughlin belongs to, technically they have been Area 42, however apparently they have decided to move to Area 3 in Arizona. After much correspondence with our delegate, we have come to the conclusion that acceptance is the answer! As always, thank you for allowing me to be of service!  
[www.districtone-nv.org](http://www.districtone-nv.org)

**District 3** - Frank – All is well.

**District 5B** - Rhonda - District meetings are held every month on the 2nd Saturday at 1:30pm. We will be holding our meetings at the New KCB club located at 5715 Alexander Rd. We are working on getting all of the meetings in our district unified. We have created packets to hand out to meetings with no GSR representation, you are welcome to look at them, and I have some with me. We would like to challenge all of the districts in Southern Area 42 to a Chile Cook off. To be held in the fall or spring, I have flyers.

**District 7** – Edie – District 7 has approximately 15 groups that have been attending our District meeting, with several committee chairs and guests of late. Average attendance at our meeting so far this year has been around 20 to 25 people. We meet the third Friday of every month at 6:30pm and have recently moved our meeting in order to be more centrally located within the District. As of our March meeting, we are now at the Serenity Club on Schiff Drive in Las Vegas. On March 19th, we held our first service event of the year, with the theme of The Traditions. Seven of our District members put on the Traditions Play, and they did a fabulous job. We started the event with a 30-minute presentation by Joan M. on the importance of the Traditions, followed by the play which was done in two acts in order that we could break for lunch. After the completion of the play, we had a 4-member panel to answer questions on the Traditions in an ask-it-basket format. The day was a lot of fun and we had quite a large attendance. We elected a new alternate Treasurer as well as a new Picnic Chair and alternate as all three positions were vacated after the first of the year. Our 26th annual picnic will be held the third Sunday in August on Mount Charleston. Our next service event is scheduled for June 25th and will be held at the Serenity Club from 11:30am to 2:00pm with lunch included.

**District 9** – Bob D. Alt. DCM – We are averaging 10-12 GSRs per meeting. We meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm at the Camel Club. Our next meeting includes a proposal to eliminate the Tonopah Area Assembly. These would be replaced by teleconferences similar to those done by many businesses. We are starting an outreach program aimed at increasing the number of groups participating in the District.

**District 11** - Chip – Sobriety is alive and well in Tonopah, Goldfield, and the Smoky Valley. We have meetings everyday in Tonopah, once a week in Goldfield, and three times a week in Smoky Valley. There is also a meeting once a week in Austin. The Tonopah group takes AA into the Tonopah jail and the Smoky Valley group takes AA into the NDP Conservation Camp twice a month. Our groups contribute to our district and GSO. We are having district meetings and other AA activities. We're very small but active in AA and sobriety.

**District 13** – Don S. – A. Increase participation from groups and GSRs at the district level. Any suggestions on how other districts have done that in the past would be greatly appreciated. B. The group G.5.R.s have really jumped in to help grow attendance at the monthly Speaker meeting. We have group commitment thru Sept. Last month's speaker meeting had a great turnout due to Karen D.(Woman's' Night Out) A great speaker and great promotion of the meeting. I thank Cherie N. again. C. This month the speaker meeting is hosted by, The Sunday 12x12.(10a.m. in the big room Harry(G.S.R.) has arranged to have our area delegate, Byron N, speak. The speaker meeting will be in the, big room, at the Triangle Club,

4600 S. Nellis, at 6:30p.m. this Tues. May.10th at 6:30 p.m. D. We are planning a district fund raiser for the fall, details will come as we get closer.

**District 15** – Dave A. – We took a group conscience and decided it was in the best interest of the District that I finish out the current term as DCM. Elected new Alt. DCM and I have been getting him acquainted with the district.

**District 17** - John S. - Working on getting Lovell canyon going. Workshops at 1<sup>st</sup> Steps clubs, the next one in June. Revised meeting schedules will be ready in June. We will try to start 4 non-smoking meetings in June.

**District 19** – No report

**District 21** - Andres – We have a roll of visits every Monday for 18 groups to make unity. The PI committee was on the radio 1460 AM to give information about AA. We will have a PI information meeting at Freedom Park on the June 12<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am – 12:30 pm. H&I committee is visiting detention centers of Clark County and North Las Vegas. We will celebrate the 9<sup>th</sup> local forum of General Service May 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Walnut Community Center. La Vina continues to work with groups to promote enrollment. And is also supporting the committee's 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of La Vina to be celebrated July 30 -31 in Bakersfield, Ca. We will hold the Hispanic Convention of Nevada July 22 – 24 at the Eastside Cannery Casino.

**Old Business** – No report from Guidelines AD HOC Committee.

**New Business** – None

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

#### **Upcoming Events**

Next SAGSC will be hosted by District 7.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rich W.  
SAGSC Secretary