

Southern Area 42 Meeting General Service Committee

Minutes – July 10, 2011

T.I.E. Club, 329 N. 11th 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 May, 2011 minutes be approved.

Secretary Report - Rich - None

Delegate Report - Byron – A.A.W.S. highlights: They are reviewing the copywrite process. The Big Book and 12X12 E-books will be available in October. G.S.O. has rotated staff positions. G.S.O. 1st quarter financials are available, they are +\$57,000 ahead of budget. The Grapevine will have a price increase July 1st. The membership survey has chosen 3 groups from Las Vegas. National conversation: Religion and AA Traditions, some groups are trying to modify the traditions and are being dropped from meeting lists.

Treasurer's Report - Vince - Net income \$-3,099.60 as of July 9th, 2011. Current balance of \$20,453.02 in checking and savings. Total assets of \$20,453.02.

Registrar - Michele – FNV is now up and running on the new laptop and I have visited Districts 1, 7 & 9. I have plans to visit the rest of the Districts in the upcoming months.

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. Our next Artifacts meeting is Sunday, August 21st at the District 7 Picnic and is about the history of that picnic. We are looking for panelists and archives to display - and your ideas for future Artifacts and Archives presentations. There are flyers on the table - please take them back to your groups and clubs, and make announcements at your 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 calls from Central Office needing our services. We now have 2 wheelchairs at Central Office to take to events for those needing wheelchair assistance. Special Needs is working with H&I by bringing a meeting to the Freemont Assistant Living Home located at 14th and Freemont every Tuesday at 9:30am to 10:30 am. On the 6th of June Special Needs set up a booth with PI/CPC for the Returning Home Vets event at Palace Station Hotel and Casino. On the 11th of June we had a booth set up at Founders day located at the Salvation Army here in Las Vegas, NV. There we were able to sign on 3 Special Needs volunteers. We are still visiting a member that is awaiting a liver transplant. Special Needs visits this member once (1) a week and has been for the past 6 months. I had planned on attending the Forum this August but my plans have changed and I'm not going now, if anyone is attending I would love to hear what goes on at this event. For comments or questions regarding Accessibilities / Special Needs I can be reached at 702-452-8501 or 702-598-1888, e-mail chapter5@embarqmail.com

CPC / PI - Don – We had a manned literature table at the Human Resources Convention at the Las Vegas Convention Center. We got a call from a local radio talk show a couple of weeks ago, asking us to speak about our program (thanks Jack for passing it along), and Cindy M. did the honors. It looks like they may want us back in the future, and what was especially nice was that Cindy was asked to provide the questions ahead of time. With special thanks to Glen for all of his help, we are working on a new "recruitment" flyer for our committees, which is ready for vote at our committee meeting next week. We are happy to report that we received interest in our committees from our table at Founders Day, and have gotten at least one new member. It was also brought to our attention that some of our local literature specifies a sobriety requirement of three years to be part of our local PI/CPe. This is not the case, we welcome anyone, and there are plenty of opportunities for participation which would be appropriate for those newer in sobriety-so we are working on correcting this.

Finance Committee - No meeting.

GSR Survival – David W. – 12 new GSRs. Has new copies of books English and Spanish. Guides online.

Committee Reports:

H&I – Alan – H & I business meeting is held 3rd Tuesday of every month at Central Office at 6:00PM. New members are invited to arrive at 5:30 for a brief orientation meeting. We currently serve over 50 panel meetings on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. We conduct meetings in facilities where the residents are unable to attend regular AA meetings on the outside. We also supply these people with AA books and literature on a regular basis. As with any service committee, we can always use more volunteers. To be eligible to take meetings into any correctional facility, there is a clearance process and facility orientation that are required, plus a sobriety minimum. For the treatment facilities, there is generally a very minimal sobriety requirement. Here is our 6 month re-cap of donations and expenditures, Total Donations were \$14,711.34, Expenditures were at \$11,477.39, indicating that we used some funds that were already in the bank. If you'd like a more detailed look there are a few detailed spread-sheets here on the front table for you to look at showing how the money was used and there is also a re-cap spread sheet showing exactly what literature was disbursed to each facility over the last 6 months.

Bridging the Gap – Alan – First off I would like to introduce my CO-Chair, Darryl B. We are progressing well with revising our volunteer list and adding new volunteers. I have sign-up forms available here for anyone who wishes to take them. They do include contact information for B-T-G and myself, both e-mail & phone. The overall activity level of requests has shown a slight increase over the last few months, and as H&I volunteers pass this information along we expect it to continue to grow. Still dealing with information from requesters not being accurate enough to make contact after they're released. Encouraging the H&I volunteers to assist with this by quickly proof-reading the request cards when they get them. We currently have several volunteers corresponding with inmates 4+ months in advance of their release in an effort to insure they get connected with AA upon their release. I have a meeting with Tyler Darrington who is the new Programs Coordinator for CCDC on this coming Wednesday to discuss and review who does what and how regarding AA panels at the County jail. I will have a report on this later at the August H&I and Intergroup meetings. I will be attending the National Bridging-the-Gap Workshop/Conference in Sacramento, CA. In September, and will also be attending the Forum in Woodland Hills, CA in August. H&I will be providing some funding for the B-T-G event only, not the Forum. If anyone would like further info you may contact myself or my co-chair Darryl after this meeting, or at any other time.

WACKYPAA –WACKYPAA will be Jan 26th- 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 2nd Sunday at 1:00pm and 4th Sunday at 4:00pm of every month.

Grapevine - Robin – I apologies for being out of commission the last few months, and thanks to Melonie and David W. and everyone else who stepped in to help. We meet monthly on the 2nd Friday, 6:00 p.m. at Las Vegas Central Office; on average, about 6 of the 18-20 group representatives in the area attend this meeting. Attendance has been 6-9 reps per meeting the last 2 months, which is pretty good! If your home group doesn't have a Grapevine rep, we'd encourage you to consider it. Providing access to our 'meeting in print' is a great way to get involved in service. Jack at Central Office

continues to work with the new distributor to get the magazines delivered a little more reliably. Since the last report we've been to the Founders Day celebration and upcoming we'll participate in the Dist 1 'Family Afterword' workshop July 16th, the Dist 7 Mt. Charleston Picnic August 21, and the Native American AA Conference beginning Oct. 6th. We continue to attend the End of the Month Speaker Meeting whenever possible. Please let us know if you have an event coming up and would like an AA literature table set up. Robin R. auntierob@yahoo.com 702-769-9097

Intergroup - Glenn – We had a manned literature table at the Human Resources Convention at the Las Vegas Convention Center. We got a call from a local radio talk show a couple of weeks ago, asking us to speak about our program (thanks Jack for passing it along and Cindy M. did the honors. It looks like they may want us back in the future, and what was especially nice was that Cindy was asked to provide the questions ahead of time. With special thanks to Glen for all of his help, we are working on a new "recruitment" flyer for our committees, which is ready for vote at our committee meeting next week. We are happy to report that we received interest in our committees from our table at Founders Day, and have gotten at least one new member. It was also brought to our attention that some of our local literature specifies a sobriety requirement of three years to be part of our local PI/CPC. This is not the case, we welcome anyone, and there are plenty of opportunities for participation which would be appropriate for those newer in sobriety-so we are working on correcting this.

DCM Reports

District 1 - Emily F. – DCM- District 1 is doing well financially with amends being made on the funds that went missing a little over a year or so ago. With our district doing well financially we are making funding available for our GSR's to attend the Special Forum being held in Woodland Hills, CA. I am especially excited that our district will have a chance to attend this event! District 1 will be hosting a workshop with district 13 on July 16 at the triangle club on Nellis in the big room from 2pm-4pm. The topic will be the family afterward and we will be hosting speakers from California. The District 1 picnic will be held October 1st at the park in Boulder City from 10am-4pm. We are planning on having another workshop the start of November and we should have a topic, place and time after our meeting that will be held today immediately following this meeting in the small room. www.districtone-nv.org

District 3 - Frank – DCM- We had a meeting today at noon. We will decide our pie chart distribution of funds.

District 5B - Rhonda - DCM- 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.

District 7 – Edie – DCM- District 7 continues to have attendance at the monthly meeting of approximately 20 to 25 people. Our meeting is held the third Friday of every month at 6:30pm at the Serenity Club on Schiff Drive in Las Vegas. We continue to concentrate on trying to get more meetings registered and to encourage groups to elect GSRs so they will have a voice. We have a Unity chairperson who is coordinating the effort so that we can visit as many meetings as possible. My thanks to Nelson A (our alternate DCM) who has filled in for me at the past two District meetings as I was out of town. Nelson has done a great job and kept the District "business-ball" rolling. On June 25th, we held our second service event of the year, with the theme of The Twelve Concepts. We were fortunate to have Julian R as the presenter, and everyone there seemed to get a lot of "new" knowledge and there were some good questions from the attendees. Unfortunately, our attendance was not quite what we anticipated, possibly due to the date conflict with the Archives meeting. We will coordinate our September event more closely with Caroline to avoid this in future. The topic of our September event has not been finalized as yet, however we will get flyers out shortly. Our next service event is the 26th annual Mt. Charleston picnic which will be held on August 21st at the Foxtail Picnic Grove. Tickets are \$10.00 and children under 12 are free. Again, there are no pets allowed for insurance reasons. There are flyers on the table and several District 7 members have tickets available. We are limited to 499 in attendance, so get your tickets early.

District 9 – Michael - DCM –We meet the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00 pm at the Camel Club.

District 11 - Chip – DCM- No report.

District 13 – Don S. – DCM- We have many GSRs who attend district meetings and have good participation. We will have a car wash on the July 16th, \$7.00 put on by the 2nd chance group. The monthly speaker meetings continue to grow, 2nd Tuesday of every month.

District 15 – Mike – GSR - We had a fish fry that went well.

District 17 - Christine - All is well.

District 19 – No report

District 21 - Andres – DCM- We have 18 groups. We had a PI information meeting at Freedom Park on June 12th and it went well. 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 – Proposal submitted from Bob D. G.S.R. for the Tuesday Grapevine Group, District 9. Motion: Replace our current twice yearly Tonopah Area Assemblies with twice yearly teleconference Area Assemblies. A sense of assembly was taken and was adamantly turned down.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Upcoming Events

Next SAGSC will be hosted by District 5B.

Respectfully submitted,
Rich W.
SAGSC Secretary