

Southern Area 42 Meeting General Service Committee

Minutes – November 13, 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

Treasurer's Report - Cherie - Net income \$-622.86 as of November 8th, 2011. Checking balance of \$7,896.00 and \$15,000.00 in savings.

Registrar - Michele – If you have new GSR's please contact me and I will update your information with GSO. The laptop crashed but is now up and running.

Webmaster - JD – I have received many items for posting on the web site recently. Due to a technical problem at the hosting companies end I was unable to upload documents for a few days. That problem has been fixed. I should be able to get what I have posted soon. We are now getting many of our area documents translated into spanish, thanks to Karla. S. the Spanish language pages should be getting updates more often. Our delegate has been sending me the updates on what AA WS in New York has going on and items up for considerations there, you can find these documents on the delegates page. As a reminder I ask that anyone who wants to send me things they want posted on the web site to please review the web site guidelines to see if I'm allowed to put them up. The web site guidelines are quite specific about what can and cannot be posted. If you are not sure if what you have is allowed on the web site sends it to me and I'll bounce it off some of the area officers and let you know what decision they come to.

Area Treasurer's Report - Cherie – Groups need to put the group number, name and address on money orders for contributions.

Archives – Justin – Carolyn not here but all is good.

Special Needs - Leslie D. – Special Needs is responding to calls received by Central Office for those AA members needing our services. I have obtained quotes from ASL companies for their services, the plan is to hire a ASL person for special events such as Founders day, End of the Month Speaker Meeting, etc. I have had a few requests for a ASL meetings, as of yet AA does not have a regular ASL meeting, so I have referred them to another 12 step program that has a weekly meeting using an ASL person. If you are in need of this location please contact me at 702 452-8501 and ask for Leslie. Special Needs/ Accessibility meets with CPC/PI on the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00pm at Central Office, please inform your Special Needs Rep to attend this meeting. As always I'm looking for an ASL person for AA meetings, If you know of anyone please contact me at either 598-1888 or 452-8501. Special Needs working with H & I Committee is still taking a meeting into the Freemont Assistant Living Facility on Tuesday mornings at 9:30am this meeting could use some support. Accessibilities is still taking a in-home meeting to a member needing a liver transplant, but his doctor has stated that since he has been sober (2yrs on the 15th of Nov.) his liver has shown improvement and he may not need the transplant after all. Special Needs is helping WACYPA Accessibilities to find a ASL person for their upcoming WACYPA Conference in 2012, I plan to address the Las Vegas Intergroup tomorrow on donating funds to help WACYPA pay for a ASL person if we can't find someone to do it for free. According to the WACYPA Special Needs Chair they have a number of Deaf people registered for the conference. If you have any questions or comments as to how Accessibilities can assist your group please feel free to contact me at either Central Office or by calling me at 702 452-501 or those with special needs can e-mail me at CHAPTER5@EMBAROMAIL.COM

CPC / PI - Don – Went to Bishop Gorman High School - Formal AA Presentation and speaker panel 2 weeks ago and Palo Verde High School - Upcoming Presentation and Speaker Panel. The support from WACY PAA has been nothing less than outstanding. Their dedication to the AA program and Service is evident through their regular attendance at our committee meetings. Staffed a information booth at the USPS Health Fair on November 6th. Through this service commitment, made a cooperative contact with the EAP provider and social services Staff member. Staffed a booth at project Homeless connect on this past Wednesday November 8th. Through this service commitment, we met a Nursing School Teacher and has requested a formal presentation to the nursing students. We continue to foster the current relationships in the public and professional community. As always, we invite AAs to attend our monthly meeting - 3m Monday at 6 PM Central Office.

Finance Committee - No Report.

GSR Survival – David W. – 8 new GSRs. The questionnaire for new GSR's was reviewed. GSR survival guides are available.

Committee Reports:

H&I – Total balance in account including reserves \$ 2,116.10

Intergroup - Glenn –Last month Central Office reported 1,050 Information Calls, 94 12 step Calls 1,631 Hotline Calls, 125 12 Step Calls. We had 158 website visits per day for a total of 4,742 for the month. Jack also reported that the Spring Mountain Club is now closed. Treasure Reported Check Book balance of \$20,488.33. Prudent reserve of \$20,541.27 Literature Account balance of \$9,607.27. Hotline Committee reported that they had some phone problems, but those issues have been resolved and they have all shifts covered. 12 Step Committee reported they gained two new volunteers and are working on updating the 12-step volunteer list which should be ready by the next meeting. Unity committee reported -that there were no problems to report. The By-Laws Committee is presenting their proposed changes of the Intergroup by Laws and we are voting on these items, 4 items at a time at each monthly meeting. Anyone that is interested in- these changes can pick up a copy from central office. Silver Streak our monthly news letter is looking for local AA articles to print. All articles, stories or events need to be submitted by the 15th of the month. Please contact Lorraine at the Silver streak or Jack at Central Office. Subscriptions are only \$10 per yr or \$7 for the electronic version. Las Vegas Roundup- November 24-27, 2011 Riviera Hotel The Service Festival will be held Feb. 19th, 2012 at the TIE club. The Gratitude Ball will be April 14th, 2012, a The Suncoast Hotel and Casino, The 2012 IAAMC will be held at the Orleans Hotel & Casino April 19th -21st, The Founders Day Celebration will be held in June 2012 at the Salvation Army on Palomino Lane. Our Intergroup meetings are held on the second Monday of every month at 6pm, at Central Office. For more information on- any of our events or to contact any of our Intergroup Committee's please go to the Las Vegas Central Office website at: www.lvcentraloffice.org or call central office.

Bridging the Gap – No Report.

WACKYPAA –WACKYPAA will be Jan 26th - 29th 2012 and will be at the Alexis Park Resort, located off Harmon Ave. 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 – We still meet monthly on the 2nd Friday, 6:00 p.m. at Las Vegas Central Office, although I had to miss last Friday due to another little emergency. However, if your home group doesn't have a Grapevine rep, I'd be happy to talk to you after about why you really need one! Looking forward, our annual renewal notice for the committee's magazines arrived and, combined with a proposal about finances from a member and budgets being due, we've been inspired to really look at where we are and how we can make some positive changes, especially in the area of self support. Hopefully at our December meeting we'll start looking at ideas for doing some outreach and maybe increasing participation in the coming year. We had a flurry of activity after the Assembly, with invitations to the District 1, 5b and 7 picnics, but it's been pretty quiet since the NAIAA Conference in October so we're rested up for the Las Vegas Roundup and looking forward to WACY PAA 15 at the end of January. In the meantime, please let us know if your group or district

has anything coming up that the Grapevine can help with. Thank you for letting us be of service! 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

DCM Reports

District 1 - Emily F. – DCM- District 1 is doing well. Email address is www.districtone-nv.org

District 3 - Frank – No Report.

District 5B - Rhonda - DCM- Our annual picnic was a success, we had a lot of participation from our district and beyond. We are planning a workshop for November 19th at the KCB club. It will be the History of AA. We want to apologize for planning an event the same day as Districts 1 and 13. Donations from groups are down and our funds are low so we are hoping to attract more groups. We are working on getting all of the meetings in our district unified.

District 7 – Edie – DCM- Our meeting is held the third Friday of every month at 6:30pm at the Serenity Club on Schiff Drive in Las Vegas, and we continue to have approximately 20 to 25 attendees. The 26th Annual Mt. Charleston picnic was held on September 18th and was a sold out event. The weather cooperated and it was a beautiful day on the mountain with good food and good fellowship. The children's games were a big hit (thanks Pat) and the volunteers who participated did an outstanding job. Big thanks to our picnic chair and co-chair - Dave and Jody - for making sure that everything ran smoothly. Dave advised that we had received a big compliment from the Forest Service, stating that our group was the one of best "guests" they have on the mountain and stated that we always left the site cleaner than when we arrived. Unfortunately, we are going to have to find another locale for 2012 as the camp sites are being renovated. Big thanks to everyone who participated in making this event another memorable experience. We held our fourth service event for the year on October 29th at the Serenity Club "AA Comes of Age" with Ruth J. as our special guest speaker. This was a very well-attended event and after Ruth's presentation, we broke for another wonderful (and Halloween-themed) lunch served by "Chef Bud" and then reconvened for the Q&A portion of the meeting. Ruth fielded questions from the audience and the general consensus was that this was one of our most successful events. The following week, the West Side Women's Group hosted "A Look at Steps 6&7-"Drop the Rock" which was an outstanding event hosted by this District 7 group. While this was an event that was solely organized and presented by the West Side Women's Group, we are proud to have such an outstanding group as part of our District. At our next District meeting, we will be doing a District Inventory, with the assistance of Mike M. who has graciously accepted our request to monitor this event. We look forward to being able to benefit from this inventory and start planning our events for the coming year.

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

District 11 - Chip – DCM- The Smokey Valley Group has elected a new GSR. Tonopah Bookshelf group is having a meeting every day. We have a our District meeting every other month.

District 13 – Don S. – DCM- District 13 had great success for our car wash and bake sale. We raised \$300.00. We will partner with District 1 to hold a work shop in January or February.

District 15 – Dave – All is good.

District 17 - No report.

District 19 – No report.

District 21 - Andres – DCM- We are located at 3111 South Valley View, Suite B 212. We meet every Thursday from 7 pm to 9 pm. We continue to visit a meeting every Monday. We will support the 10th Annual Forum of General Service which will be held May 2012.

Old Business – Cherie - Guidelines AD HOC Committee will meet November 11th at noon.

New **Business** – None

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Upcoming Events

Respectfully submitted,
New **Business** - None

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rich W.
SAGSC Secretary