

Southern Area 42 Meeting General Service Committee

Minutes – January 8, 2012

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 November, 2011 minutes be approved.

Secretary Report - Rich - None

Treasurer's Report - Vince - Net income \$-1,122.43 as of January 7th, 2012. Checking balance of \$7,430.00 and \$15,000.00 in savings.

Finance Chair - Cherie – Vote to send 5 Officers to PRAASA. Passed (Will review Guidelines for SAGSC) \$9,100 total budget.

Delegate - Byron –

Senior Editor position with AA Grapevine working in New York. Review GSC plans and timetable. Theme & workshop Timeline highlights. PRAASA sign up---volunteers vs. participants. "Back to Basics" subject-review and summarize As some of you may know, there is a "back to basics" or "back to the forty's" movement nationally. This movement has followers of Wally P, has published literature and has a website that lists meetings that are available in many states. As I understand it, the movement has demonstrated a very rigid and doctrinaire approach to dealing with substance abuse (they assign sponsors, require new comers to go through the Steps in one day or less, issue certificates of step completion, may have some religious connections, etc.). They openly pronounce a close association with and to be "AA oriented". This movement seems to be somewhat active in Nevada with four meetings listed in the LV area and maybe one meeting up North. To my knowledge none of their meetings is a registered AA meeting and none is included in any National or Nevada AA listings. At least in the North, there are reports of this movement actively recruiting new comers in traditional AA meetings. I spoke to GSO about this movement. They are aware of it, know that it has been around for a long time and confirmed to me that they are only using generic AA references so no copyright infringement. Their position essentially was to confirm that GSO had never announced any position about the movement and advised that they viewed the overall subject of formulating any response as an Area by Area decision. The concern expressed to me about this movement in Nevada centers on the new comer---being scared off and/or confused between the traditional AA Fellowship and the approach of this movement. Our AA Traditions involving taking no position on outside issues, each group is autonomous, yet preventing harm to AA as a whole seem to me to be potentially in play. Also probably the Fifth Legacy. With this as background, I asked two questions of many of our "rusted servants" 1) what info/experience with this movement they might have and 2) what if any action might be appropriate for Area 42 as a whole to take if any? I also counseled with Carol and Sophie. I received input from Roberta, Ruth, Kathy, Joyce, Julian and of course Carol and Sophie. To a person, all had heard about and were familiar with the "back to basics" and "back to the forty's" movement. Roberta summed up the collective thinking and suggested action of the respondents---"Throughout the U.S. it seems there are groups that interpret AA's literature in ways that I would not, however, I don't believe we can do much about it. It seems that the AA police are on permanent leave! I believe as the others have said that the best we can do is not give them further attention and continue working with individual AA's and people we sponsor to try to get the "tried and true" principles and practices we believe out there." SO ... with all this input and considering my own thinking, I am not comfortable sending any Area 42 formal announcement and/or pronouncement. I do believe that it is appropriate, as I am doing here today, to announce at SAGSC and NAGSC that we are aware of this movement/activity in Area 42 and that each group and/or district should determine whether they are comfortable that their support of any "back to basics"/back to the forty's "activity is consistent with all the AA Fellowship's Tradition interpretations, especially as it relates to and might impact the new comer. 5. AAWS December'11 Board Meeting highlights. 6. My schedule since last SAGSC Meeting 11/13/2011 and near term future commitments.

Registrar - Michele – Emily has new group forms. If you have new GSR's please contact me and I will update your information with GSO.

Webmaster - JD – No report.

Archives – Carolyn –Life is wonderful in the Archives! We had a tiny display in the Archives Room at the Las Vegas Roundup that was focused on the Roundup's history. Our next display will be @ WACYPA on the last weekend of the month. If you, or someone in your groups, would like to volunteer to help staff the Archives table, please call me at 592-0890. We have completed the first phase of the SAGSC records - they are all together, in order, in binders on the same shelf. The earliest records are from February 1978, but the records are slim through 1984. They are probably mixed in with the Area 42 Minutes - which are my current sorting and filing project. If you have any early Area 42 or SAGSC records, please let me know. If you want to keep your originals, may we please make some copies. Please come visit Y2.Y..! Archives @ Central Office - 15th & Charleston - Monday - Friday 884 or any time there's a meeting in the meeting room. These are your records, so please come enjoy them. We could use some help with sorting and filing, laughing and crying. It would be greatly appreciated if each Committee & District 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 & FUN. Our Area history is rich & interesting & we want to put it in order so that it can be shared with our fellowship. 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 & talent to create Area 42 Archives for everyone to enjoy, please call me: Caroline -- 702-592-0890 We look forward to your participation & assistance with this major project of bringing local AA history to everyone.

Special Needs - Leslie D. - The Fremont Assistant Living Facility has closed, so Accessibilities is no longer providing AA meetings there. Intergroup approved a donation from Accessibilities to W ACYP AA of \$150.00 to help them pay for an ASL person for their upcoming Convention here in Las Vegas, NV. Accessibilities/Special Needs plans on attending/participating in the upcoming Service Festival here at the TIE Club. Accessibilities/Special Needs meets with CPCIP every 3rd Monday of the month at 6:00pm at Central Office. Any comments or questions please contact Central office at 702 598-1888

CPC / PI - Don - Palo Verde High School - Formal AA Presentation and Speaker Panel on December 7, 2011. We continue to foster the current relationships in the public and professional community. As always, we invite AAs to attend our monthly meeting - 3rd Monday at 6 PM Central Office. No sobriety requirement to carry the message of experience and hope.

GSR Survival - David W. - The meeting was opened with the Serenity Prayer. There were 4 new GSR's in attendance. The questionnaire for new GSR's was reviewed. Important informational items such as the GSR Survival Guide, the GSR pamphlet, and the Group Forms were discussed. Agendas for the SAGSA meeting were distributed.

Committee Reports:

Intergroup - Glenn - Last month Central Office reported 1,155 Information Calls, 126 12step Calls 1,505 Hotline Calls, 143 12th Step Calls We had 178 website visits per day for a total of 5,332 for the month. Jack also reported that Maggie had to retire and hired Bob W. to replace her. Treasure Reported Check Book balance of -- \$18,055.41 Prudent reserve of \$20,542.21 Literature Account balance of \$11,926.44 Hotline Committee reported that they have all spots filled. 12 Step Committee reported they gained a couple new volunteers and will have the 12-step volunteer. 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 SilverStreak or Jack at Central Office. Subscriptions are only \$10 per yr or \$7 for the electronic version or one dollar for a single copy. The Service Festival will be held Feb. 19th, 2012 at the TIE club.

The Gratitude Ball will be April 14th, at the Sun Coast 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 at 598-1888

Bridging the Gap - No Report.

BRIDGING THE GAP - Bridging the Gap is alive and well in Las Vegas and needs support. The new sign-up & information pamphlets from GSO did not arrive on time, but we still have our old ones for now for anyone interested. ANID there is a phone number contact information on them. We are a sub-committee under Las Vegas H & I Committee and receive all our financial support from H&I. Our purpose is to help connect people being released from facilities with someone on the outside for the purpose of assisting them in getting to meetings and meeting new people. This is primarily accomplished by the H&I volunteers taking the request cards into the facilities for the residents to fill out and return to Central Office when we can pick them up. We have a volunteer list by zip code in order to better assign the requests by convenient location. Our current volunteer list is currently approximately 75% male and 25% female; but the requests are just the opposite - primarily over 70% are requests from females. We definitely need more female volunteers. You can also find us at the Corrections Workshop on Feb 4th and also the Service Festival here at the TIE Club on Feb 19th. We have also interfaced with areas outside of Las Vegas as well when we've received requests from other states regarding someone coming to the Las Vegas area when they're released. In investigating many of the other GSO areas about B-T-G it appears that this effort is rather largely networked in many parts of the country and the majority of it seems to be through their area websites. Originally BTG was focused on Treatment facilities and not correctional units. Correctional facilities were primarily handled through various H&I committees who provided the same type service but named it "Contact on Release" or "Release Outreach". As times changed BTG is servicing both types in more areas of the country.

However, we will be doing more investigation into the B-T-G service structures in order to further consider the possibility of a proposal to make "Bridging The Gap" its own free-standing area committee similar to C.P.C., P.I and others, especially since we serve both treatment and correctional facilities.

WACKYPAA - The Western Area Conference of Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous is upon us. Now is our chance to accomplish the main goal that WACYPM is, (formerly known as LVYPAA) has been striving toward for years. Our purpose is, and always has been to break down the barriers and eliminate any prejudice that exists between "mainstream" and "young people's" AA. Being awarded this conference has given us the opportunity to join the once divided fellowship in our AA community. We are excited and honored to be able to serve Las Vegas with a conference of this magnitude, however, we need your help. Enclosed is a "local sneak peek" of the WACYPA 15 program. The host committee has worked very hard this year to create a program for the conference that has depth and weight. We have speakers and panelists from all over the world, including and especially Las Vegas, who have committed to help WACYPM with the most important aim of this conference, which is to carry the message of Alcoholics Anonymous to those who still suffer. We encourage you to look over the program and see the really interesting and exciting messengers that we have in store for this, our first ever young people's in Alcoholics Anonymous conference. Not only do we have some amazing and powerful speakers and panelists, but we have so many events and activities going on throughout the weekend. (It wouldn't be YPAA without some fun!) This is our chance to become united in Alcoholics Anonymous, and to show the world (literally), how the fellowship of M in Las Vegas practices the three legacies of unity, service, and recovery. The host committee invites you to register for WACYPM 15, which will be held at The Alexis Park Resorts 375 E. Harmon Ave. on January 26-29, 2012. You can register at the conference for \$30, but if you have no money, please come anyway. We need volunteers for the registration and merchandise tables, greeting at meetings, ushers, security, and many other service opportunities. Please help us to make this WACYPA one to remember. We can't wait to see all of your beautiful faces at the conference.

Grapevine - Robin – Our next meeting is this coming Friday and every 2nd Friday, 6:00 p.m. at Las Vegas Central office. If your home group doesn't have a Grape Vine rep, please consider having one. The Grapevine is a wonderful tool for individual sobriety & sponsorship, and being a Grapevine rep is a great way to literally carry the message! Since the last meeting we've had an opportunity to take Grapevine and AA literature out to the Roundup and the End of the Month Speaker meeting on Christmas night. Between now and the Assembly we'll be setting up a table at the corrections Workshop and the Service Festival and I believe the WACYPA Conference. I just met with the host committee for the first time last weekend so the logistics aren't set but we have books and will be there if they call! As always, please let us know if your group or district has anything coming up that the Grape Vine committee can help with. On a final note, 2012 Calendars and pocket planners are available if you want to pick one up before we get too far into the New Year; and 2 new Grapevine books, Step by Step and Emotional Sobriety II, are also on hand at Central Office, or you can see me after the meeting. Plus, the Language of the Heart is also now available as an e-book, available at Grapevine.org. Robin R. auntierob@yahoo.com 702-769-9097

DCM Reports

District 1 - Emily F. – DCM- District 1 met on Dec. 11th. We opted to add a domain name district01.org in addition to our districtone-nv.org to make it easier to find. We began our meeting with the first part of our district inventory. We discussed keeping the lines of communications open between GSO and our groups, sponsorship, funding for PRAASA, forums and assemblies.

District 3 - Dave – Dave K. is new DCM and Frank has stepped down to Alt. DCM. We are planning a Traditions workshop.

District 5B - Rhonda - DCM- District meetings are held every month on the 2nd Saturday at 1:30pm. We are holding our meetings at the KCB Club located at 5715 Alexander Rd. Suite 145. We are working on getting all of the meetings in our district unified. We have secured the church on 6th and St Louis for the Chili Cook off, flyers are on the table. There are two flyers one for guests and one for participants. District 5B has been having some financial difficulties; we have been asking the groups in our district to send a little extra to 5B for a while so we can build our reserve back up. Group donations are down. Group participation in our district is up.

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. We conducted a District Inventory at our November meeting. Mike M. led the inventory and asked the group twelve questions which were pertinent to our being able to see where we, as a District, were either lacking in our efforts or were on track. We were pleased to see that we could respond positively to 9 of the 12 questions and that on the other three, we could come up with suggestions as to how we can improve. A big thank you to Mike for being a part of this. Our December meeting was a combination business meeting and party. We held our 2nd annual Christmas potluck with an impressive array of home cooked dishes and goodies. It was a great way to end the year and enjoy the fellowship of our dedicated GSR's and committee members. We are ready to start this year with lots of ideas for upcoming service events. We are also looking forward to the Southern Area 42 Chili Cook-off Challenge being hosted by District 5b on January 21st so let the fun begin!

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

District 11 – No report.

District 13 – Don S. – DCM- District 13 will be putting on a variety of quarterly workshops. Everyone is invited to join us at the Triangle Club. Topic will be the importance of sponsorship.

District 15 – Dave – Christmas and New Years marathons made a profit of \$157.59.

District 17 – John – DCM- District 17 meeting is on 1st Wed. of the month at 6:30pm at the Hospital Training Room. Held Alcahons for Xmas & New Year. Registering "Even Keel" as a new group. Meets Tues. & Thurs. at 6:30pm at Oasis Outreach, On 2nd Street next door to the 1st Step Club. Otherwise: All is well.

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** – None

New **Business** – None

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

New **Business** - None

Respectfully Submitted by,

Rich W.

SAGSC Secretary