

# **SOUTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE TIE CLUB - 329 N. 11<sup>th</sup> ST - LAS VEGAS NV**

January 11, 2015

Serenity Prayer

Introductions of New D.C.M. and GSRs. 22 new GSRs and Alt-GSRs introduced themselves.

G.S.R. Survival: Lisa

Minutes:

- There were 16 new GSR's attending. Thanks to David for training the trainer.

Outgoing Secretary: Don

Report:

See [www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org) website

Minutes:

**MOTION** to approve minutes. Seconded.

Rhonda requested corrections:

- Treasury — The minutes say Lisa filled in for Vince, but Vince was here.
- The minutes did not include a Registrar's report. It was determined that the Registrar's report was included.
- The minutes did not report on elections. The November 2014 minutes have been revised to reflect the results of the election.

Minutes approved pending corrections being made.

Incoming Secretary: Erica P.

OUTGOING TREASURER: Vince C.

Report\*:

- 2014 Income \$11,346
- 2014 Expenses \$7,668
- 2014 Net Income \$3,677
- Bank Balances 12/31/14
- Checking \$15,378
- Savings \$15,005
- TOTAL \$30,383

Minutes:

- Income for year: \$12,000
- Expenses for year: \$7,100
- Net gain: \$4,994 for year
- As of 12/31/14, we have \$16,340 in checking and \$14,994 in CDs/Savings for total of \$31,335.48.
- **MOTION** to approve report. Seconded. Report approved.

*\*the report numbers are actual (i.e., accounting for bounced checks, etc.) that were calculated 10 days after the Profit and Loss statement referenced in the minutes, which explains the discrepancies*

Incoming Treasurer: Edie D.

OUTGOING FINANCE: Cherie N.

Report (minutes included as noted):

- Minutes: What we do with the budget: Committee chairs submit budget requests and we subtract whatever they have in their fund at Central Office and divide the remainder in half, because SAGSC participates in the Intergroup Committees funding. SAGSC Officers get funded to PRAASA and Area Assemblies, and committees (four) get funding so we can be sure they can get to Area Assemblies.
- In order to provide for individuals going to PRAASA 2015 and two Area Assemblies:
  - Finance recommendation and **MOTION** to provide \$500 each for 3 SAGSC Officers: Chair, Treasurer and Secretary, to attend PRAASA 2015 in Leyton, UT, totaling \$1,500. Seconded. Passed.
  - Finance recommendation and **MOTION** to provide \$250 each for SAGSC Officers to attend one Area Assembly. There are two assemblies. Totaling \$1,500. Seconded. Passed.
  - **MOTION** to provide \$3,000 for SAGSC Officers to attend PRAASA and Assemblies. Seconded. Passed.
  - Committee Chairs are funded from Intergroup and SAGSC on a 50/50 basis to cover expenses and attendance at two Area Assemblies. They are not funded by SAGSC to attend out-of-Area events.
  - SAGSC does not fund Committee Chairs to PRAASA, does not allocate funds for Grapevine magazines, and does not fund any money for food.
  - Intergroup may choose to fund Committee Chairs to PRAASA.
- PI-CPC – Requested \$1,745.00.
  - Balance from 2014 to be subtracted from request =  $\frac{1}{2}$  of \$314.83 = \$1,430.17.
  - Discussion minutes:
    - Vince – We didn't discuss as a group to pay  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Intergroup was funded 100%.
    - Vince – Recommended \$400 and we pay \$400. We funded 100% last year. We should probably have a larger reserve.
    - Cherie N. – We have funded them 50% since 2008. I guess once in a while, we have made an exception.
    - Cherie N. – This year is significantly different. Intergroup pays  $\frac{1}{2}$ , SAGSC pays  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
    - Vince – He's asking \$1745.
    - Cherie N. – We can take whatever is left over and cut it in  $\frac{1}{2}$ .
  - Finance recommendation and **MOTION** to provide funding \$715.00 for PI-CPC for two assemblies,  $\frac{1}{2}$  literature,  $\frac{1}{2}$  gas, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  food for presentations. Seconded.
    - Vince wanted it known that SAGSC paid 100% last year.
    - Cherie N. said that last year, there was no budget, so SAGSC decided to pay \$400; this year, there was a request and it was much more.
    - Passed.

- Grapevine – Requested \$340.00
  - Balance from 2014 to be subtracted from request: \$645.94.
  - Discussion minutes:
    - Cherie N.– GV asked for \$240, but the Area pays for the display. Area 42 pays for for display at the Assembly.
  - Finance recommendation and **MOTION** to provide funding \$200.00 for two assemblies. Seconded. Passed.
- Specials Needs/Accessibility – Requested \$1,200.00.
  - Balance from 2014 to be subtracted from request \$204.90 = \$995.10.
  - Discussion:
    - Unknown - Why do they get double the cost this year?
    - Cherie N. – Because going to Tonopah costs more and we pay for half their literature and half the cost of booths and workshops. And last year, there was no budget request submitted, so we gave them \$400 to get to Tonopah.
  - Finance recommendation and **MOTION** to fund \$800.00 for two assemblies @ \$250.00 each, ½ literature @ \$200.00, ½ booths and workshops @ \$100.00. Seconded. Passed.
- Intergroup Liaison – No request
  - Requested last year and they put on Service Workshop and go to Tonopah.
  - Balance from 2014 to be subtracted from Request \$771.51.
  - Finance recommendation and **MOTION** to fund \$200.00 for two assemblies. Seconded. Passed.
- **MOTION:** Allocate funding for GSRs to Area Assemblies up to \$75.00 each request for up to 28 GSRs or Alt GSRs after Groups and Districts have been unable to totally fund them – Maximum funding is \$2,100.00. Seconded. Passed.
- TOTAL budget expenditure funds recommended for all the above = \$7,015.00.
- Historically, our budget was: 2008: \$9,614; 2009: \$6,514 PRAASA in Oakland; 2010: \$6,445 PRAASA in LA; 2011: \$8,110 PRAASA in Honolulu; 2012: \$9,100 PRAASA in Bellevue, WA; 2013: \$6,900 PRAASA in Boise; 2014: \$7,100 PRAASA in San Diego. So we are right on track.

Incoming Finance Chair: Vincent C.

DELEGATE: Mike M.

Report:

This is the beginning of a brand new panel, we're all new, we're all learning and that'll give us an opportunity for love and tolerance—right? I sure hope so.

There are 13 committees at the conference and I have been selected to serve on the Report and Charter committee. What, you've never heard of Report and Charter? Well neither have I – so we can learn about it together.

At this point, 11 days into this position I have not been given much information on what we'll be discussing on the committee, but I have found a lot of great data in the last two conference reports. The conference reports are the books we get at the September Assembly – loaded with detail on the conference of that year. Reading the conference report, I am able to see what has been discussed, decided and tabled in 2014 and 2013.

I've been given a Delegate buddy. That term is new to me, but it sounds like someone to help

and mentor me through the first year at the conference. My buddy is a second year Delegate from Puerto Rico. I mentioned this to Sophie and she said he's a great guy and he speaks no English – so we should get along just fine. I'd like help from one of our Spanish speaking members to help me draft an email in Spanish to my delegate buddy, telling him I'm looking forward to meeting him in April.

One of the things we are talking about today is our round-table discussion. This process is how the Area discusses the agenda items. We'll be doing this in the North and the South at the same time. Then, we'll all meet to talk about them together at the Assembly in late March. Carol and I plan on getting the agenda items around February 15 – that's going to be on a Sunday, so I'll bet ya we get them the week before.

Today Jonelle will be asking for volunteers. First will be members to help summarize the Agenda items, and then another to present here in on March 14. Our plan is to have the summaries in your hands by March 1<sup>st</sup>. This will give GSR's the entire month of March to discuss the items with your Group, then we'll get together again at the TIE Club on March 14 to have the round-table discussions.

This gives the summary people nearly two weeks to thoroughly go through the background material "sometimes several pages per topic" and summarize into a paragraph for your review. Then 14 days later we'll discuss these items in Reno; while you still have another two weeks talk with them about with your Group.

March 1—sent to your DCM

March 14—discuss at TIE Club

March 28—discuss in Tonopah

In the past year we have gotten the summaries done in a couple of days. When asking a member to summarize these agenda items in a rush, it gave us opportunity for errors –because they have a lot of information to break down in a short amount of time. With more time to prepare the summaries, that will help us keep our Groups informed.

Lastly, I have been contacted by the committee for PRAASA. They are looking for registered members who would like to give a presentation, be a timer, reader or moderator in SLC March 6-8. Please email me your name, phone and service position as soon as you can if you 'd like to participate. The PRAASA Committee asked me to send this to them by Jan. 18. I have also sent an email to Paul to distribute on this topic. It's always great to see Area 42 members involved with PRAASA.

Please reach out to me if I can help!

Minutes:

- There are a lot of new faces. Maybe 85% of us. We have all rotated in, so we only have an idea of what our job is. That doesn't mean that we will be good at it. We just want you to know what your commitment is and where to find the resources.
- See the Service Manual and the Guidelines. Also, check [Area42.org](http://Area42.org). Check periodically for announcements and guidelines and minutes.
- You are representing your Group because they could not be here. I am representing you as I go back and forth between the Conference. Our job is communicating. You are entitled to

know what is going on as your Group sends out checks every month. And I will take your ideas to New York's offices.

- "Alcoholics do not like change. Even change that they *like*. If you want to experience it, in your Group, set your chairs up off *slightly*, and see what happens."
- Make sure your DCM has a way of contacting you, to provide you with the agenda items. Also, there was an explanation of what PRAASA is and what the purpose of it is. [www.PRAASA.org](http://www.PRAASA.org) to register and for hotel accommodations.
- Conference Report comes out in the fall. An interesting tidbit in the Delegate inventory, Recommendations and Suggestions: We have a responsibility to provide solutions at microphone, and to bring the local conscience. Lastly, "Listen like you have no opinion."
- Questions
  - Bridget: Are the agenda items coming down earlier this year than last year?
    - You will have an entire month of March to discuss these things.
  - Alfredo: What's a sample of an agenda item?
    - Service manual
  - Hallie: Where do the agenda items come from?
    - From the Trustees. At the end of January.
  - Kathy (past Delegate): Point of clarification. GSRs can call 2ndary meetings over and above regular business meetings to discuss agenda items. Anyone can send in something to the General Service Office that they feel the Trustees should review-individual, Group, District, Area, etc. The Trustees look at all the items and divide them up to decide if these should go on the Agenda.
  - Dale: March 1, you will send out an email?
    - Yes, email DCMs.
  - Joan: Roundtables are Saturday, March 14th at 1pm at the TIE Club?
    - Yes.

ALT AREA 42 COMMITTEE CHAIR: Justin P.

Report:

My job is to assist the area chairperson who is in the North with the Area Assembly.

I'm doing the schedule that's on the table here as well. So please, District events, let me know, and I will email Central office and the Area Webmaster.

Report for Phil W., the Area 42 Committee Chair:

Hi to all of you, what a nice new year it is. I first want to thank Justin for giving this little report for me. I hear you got some snow down there, sounds like my kind of town. I'm attending a GSR orientation in the North and can't be in two places at once. I am really looking forward to working with all of you in this next rotation. I am busy putting together some of the arrangements for our Spring pre-conference Assembly and am looking forward to seeing you all there. I hope to see you before that and will try to come down here to let you know more about our Assembly.

Thank you for allowing me to serve you all in this capacity.

Minutes:

- The calendar/schedule is so that we don't overlap events.
- Correction to schedule: Gratitude Ball is not Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>, it's Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup>.
- There's a golf tournament on the 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Gratitude Ball put on by the Central Office. Dinner and speaker. Fundraiser for Central Office. At the West Gate, Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of April.

TREASURER: Vince

No further report.

REGISTRAR: Emily C.

Report:

As of Friday I received all my credentials for the FNV Database and have updated all area officers and rosters for new DCM's and committee chairs in the north.

I have plenty of change forms and will be inputting all new GSRs and DCMs here in the south upon receipt.

My email address on the Area 42 website is up to date and we have tested that I am receiving inquiries there. Additionally registration is live for the spring assembly, the banquet tickets are not currently on sale, but they should be soon.

I am looking forward to being your registrar this rotation and thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Minutes:

- I enter you in the database and put in new info for new GSRs, so New York can send you communication like Box 459 and a service manual packet. I brought 30 change forms and have gone through them, and my extras.
- I need info from Jerry B. from District 3, Alison from District 13 and Carlo from District 21.
- Email: [Registrar@nevadaarea42.org](mailto:Registrar@nevadaarea42.org)
- The Assembly registration will also be online at the [www.nevadaarea42.org](http://www.nevadaarea42.org) website next week.

AREA 42 NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Anne K.

Minutes:

- 2 newsletters per year. The template will be the same.
- Will include info from the delegate and important dates for the area.
- Spot for people to submit entries. Email me at [Area\\_newsletter\\_editor@gmail.com](mailto:Area_newsletter_editor@gmail.com)
- If there is anything you want to see in there, let me know.
- Edie: Aren't there four newsletters per year? Anne: Okay.

AREA 42/ARCHIVES: Rhonda W.

Report:

Welcome to all the incoming Area 42 and Southern Area 42 trusted servants.

Archives is a 4 year commitment and I am heading into my 3<sup>rd</sup> year. I have a great committee, and we work hard to protect and preserve the Archives for Area 42.

This year we are looking forward to attending your events and gathering more of our local and State archives.

Please keep all of your paperwork, create a binder of your position and all that you do. At the end of your term donate it to the archives!! We love paperwork, stories, pictures anything to help us remember our little part of history here in Nevada.

If all DCM's would email the monthly events, meeting minutes and fliers to me, that would be great.

Remember "Don't throw anything away"

Minutes:

- Archives meets Meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat at Central office at 1pm
- For new DCM's: if you have an archivist in your District and you want to volunteer with displays and events, please get on my list or email me.

AREA 42 WEBMASTER: Libby G.

Report:

I've reviewed what is involved in the position and believe I will be able to get the job done. Don't get me wrong, there's still going to be a learning curve and that's the way of AA. So let me summarize, my job is to maintain the area website and keep it updated.

I've already learned that the website is intended as public information site. This means that anonymity is a key concept to be protected. The other important aspect is that the website has to stay aligned with our singleness of purpose. What that means is that only information related to Area events can be listed. What that includes are Area Assembly, NAGSC, SAGSC, Area Workshops, PRAASA and Pacific Region Forums.

To safeguard that I won't be an AA dictator of the website, I found out that the Area Committee is actually responsible for any content additions or removals, other than adding minutes and such.

It won't be Website fun, either. I also have to prepare a budget and find a contact person for a Spanish translation and publication. Is there anyone here who can help me with the Spanish?

I started my job yesterday and updated Area officers' email addresses. Also this week I'll have the link to register for the Area Assembly uploaded.

I'd like to thank Mike and the Area for this opportunity to be of service to Alcoholics Anonymous.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Accessibilities Committee: Darryl, Chair

Report:

Commitments at the end of 2014

- Convoy of Hope at Champions Fields

- Clark County Health and Wellness Fair
- Las Vegas Roundup

I would like to thank the Round up committee for all their help and the help of their and our volunteers.

I'd like to especially thank Leslie for her multiple years of service and all of her help with my transition to chairmanship of this Committee.

We need volunteers.

One last thing: Thank you to an anonymous donor who gave us to wheelchairs in good condition.

Minutes:

- I was alternative Chair since March, and now I'm chair.
- Did I mention we need volunteers?

Hospitals and Institutions Committee: Matt P., Chair

Report:

I was elected the new H&I chair in December. I'm replacing Dave M. For the past two years I've been the hospital chair.

In that time the hospital side of H&I has grown and expanded. We have many avenues of service for 12 step work. From prison panels to West Care detox. We are always looking for new people from the A.A. community to become a part of H&I.

The H&I meeting is held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6pm at Central Office.

On February 28<sup>th</sup>, H&I is holding a workshop. The reason for this workshop is to get more people involved in carrying the message of recovery into hospital and institutions.

Tickets are five dollars and we will be serving breakfast and lunch. The event will start at 8AM and will end at 3pm. It will be held at 2000 S. Maryland Pkwy at Christ Church. If you have any questions please contact me.

Minutes:

- More institutions will be opening in the area. Give the message of hope that you never have to drink again.
- Need volunteers. For committees and bring panels into the facilities. We have money for books, but we need people to come out and volunteer and hand out the books.

Intergroup Committee: Dean S., Liaison

Report:

- Central Office: Jack F. reports now over 900 meetings per month in the Area. Received 823 information calls and 102 12<sup>th</sup> Step calls. The Central Office website averaged over 182 hits per day, totaling 5,460 hits for the month.
- Treasurer: Jack F. reporting for Russ. We had annual contributions of \$131,401.11 which is one of our healthiest years. Expenses totaled \$13,025.39, making our new balance \$3,468.03. Literature account was at \$14,623.58. Prudent reserve total \$20,541.65.
- Hotline and 12<sup>th</sup> Step Call List: Claudia and Billy swapping positions. Hotline received 1,322 information calls and 147 12<sup>th</sup> Step calls. At time of December meeting 9-10 open slots. The

hotline needs help. Number 702-598-1888 for anyone who wants to volunteer. Email and info on the Central Office website.

- 12<sup>th</sup> Step Committee: Also looking for volunteers to answer when the hotline volunteers call. Most are just looking for someone to talk to. Please contact Hotline or Central Office at 702-598-1888 if you want to be added to the list. Also link to us on website.
- Unity Committee: Cliff reporting. Got to speak on Unity at Service Festival which was fun. No actionable complaints or progress on the database.
- The Silver Streak: Published monthly and supports Central Office. Contains info on events, meeting updates, etc. For subscriptions or to contribute info, articles or stories, email, submit online or contact the Central Office.
- Gratitude Ball Committee and Founders Day Committee: No report.
- Intergroup meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month at 6pm at the Central Office. To contact any of our committees, please go to the Las Vegas Central Office website at [www.lvcentraloffice.org](http://www.lvcentraloffice.org) or call 702-598-1888.
- Service Festival: ~~The Intergroup GSR/Liaison organizes a "Service Festival" which should be in March this year. Please plan to support this.~~ [see below for correct info]
- The Intergroup GSR/Liaison's duties include:
  - Active participation at all Area 42 Assemblies and SAGSC meetings by giving reports on pertinent information given from the chairpersons of our Intergroup body which should include: Central Office, Intergroup Treasurer, Hotline Committee, 12<sup>th</sup> Step Committee, Unity Committee, Silver Streak Committee, Gratitude Ball Committee, Founders Day Committee. \*\*\*These reports can also include "special events" hosted by any of our Home Groups or Districts for the better good of AA.
  - Active participation at all Intergroup business meetings by giving reports on pertinent information given from the Chairpersons and Officers of our Area 42 and SAGSC body which should include: Delegate, Alt Delegate, Area Treasurer, SAGSC Treasurer, Finance Committee, Registrar, GSR Survival Trainer. \*\*\*These reports can also include "special events" hosted by any of our Home Groups or Districts for the better good of AA.
  - The Intergroup Liaison is a voting member of the Intergroup Steering Committee and should attend all Steering Committee meetings.
  - It is the responsibility of the Intergroup GSR/Liaison to organize one "Service Festival" per year. This should be in the month of February or early March. This is not an official duties list of the Intergroup GSR/Liaison but what I have done over the term of my position. The new Intergroup By-Laws may have other specific criteria and should be consulted. If you have any further questions about this position, please contact me.

#### Minutes:

- Service Festival: February 15<sup>th</sup> in this room at 1pm. If you are an incoming Committee Chair, check the flyer to see if you should be at the event to present.
- I report here on Committees that report at Intergroup and don't report here. And I go there and report on Committees that report here that don't report there.
- Last Intergroup meeting was last December.

Grapevine Committee: Jake S., Chair

Report:

I am very grateful to be serving as your Southern Area 42 Grapevine chair. I have been involved in general service for 7 years. In that time I have been at every SAGSC meeting and Area Assembly. Being involved in general service has become a huge part of my sobriety, and I am truly honored to be of service here for 2 more years.

The Grapevine Committee meets on the second Friday of every month at 6:00pm at the Central Office.

The AA Grapevine is the fellowship's principal magazine, with an average monthly circulation of about 82,700 in print and audio. It was started by a group of 6 volunteers in June of 1944 as a newsletter for AA's in the New York City area, but Bill W. and the editors soon saw that it had a broader potential for unifying widespread Groups and letting the public know about the new program.

A Grapevine Rep (GVR) is the link between the Grapevine Office and their Group. They make sure the members are aware of the special stories that the magazine offers each month, of how the magazine supports recovery, and how AA members can write or submit stories. GVR's also announce any new publications.

The AA Grapevine website provides current information about the Grapevine, La Viña, and other publications, a downloadable audio edition of every issue of the Grapevine and stories by and for newcomers, professionals, young people and others.

There are many new and exciting things going on with the Grapevine. This month I want to tell you about the AA Grapevine Quote of the Day. If you go to the website [aagrapevine.org](http://aagrapevine.org), click on "sign up for emails," the second choice you will see will be Grapevine daily quote. If you put in your email and sign up for this, every day at 3:00am, you will receive in your inbox a daily inspirational passage from our founders and members as published in the Grapevine magazine and books. I have been getting this Quote of the Day since the very first day it was available and is always the first thing I look at every day. It has become a great part in my program of recovery.

If you need any literature, would like me to come to your Group or event, would like to talk about getting a Grapevine Rep, or if I can be of service to you in anyway please do not hesitate to contact me at any time.

The Grapevine Committee's goal is to create awareness of the Grapevine and all of its services, and to demonstrate the great tool in recovery that it is. We hope that all of you will help us. We know that we cannot do it alone.

Minutes:

- Congrats on all the new positions. Thanks to Justin for trusting me with this position. Thanks to Dean for setting up the commitment.

Cooperation with the Professional Community Committee: Cherie M., Chair

Report:

- Our monthly meeting (along with PI, Special Needs & Unity) is at the Central Office at 4:30p.m. on the second Monday of the month. (before the Intergroup)
- Since last SAGSC meeting, we attended, participated on, gave presentations, had tables at the following events:

- 11/13 – Mayor’s Faith Initiative (with PI) – planning meetings – potential upcoming workshops for clergy
- 11/15 – table on short overview of CPC at District 1 service workshop. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this event.
- 11/19 & 20 – Clark County Health and Wellness Fair (shared table with PI). Valuable contacts made which will result in presentations.
- 11/22 – Convoy of Hope (shared table with PI). Approximately 10,000 people attended.
- Thanksgiving Weekend – Las Vegas Roundup. Tables at event. Russ, PI Chair, covered for me. Thank you!
- 12/1 – World AIDS Day at LGBT Center. Made some contacts which may result in workshops and presentations.
- A few upcoming events
  - Presentation for Student Organization of Addiction Professionals in February.
  - 2/28 - H&I Workshop. Table at event with PI. Stop by and find out more about our work and volunteer to help.
- DCMS – please add PI/CPC/Special Needs liaisons or alternative liaisons to your service positions list. We need them for all Districts!
- If you’d like to participate, please contact me 24/7
- We are available for presentations and workshops. For PI/CPC/Special Needs, please contact Darryl/Russ/Cherie M.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service!

#### Minutes

- You never know who you are going to help. We always ask people who come up to the tables if we can help them, and they are usually professionals. We ask if there is anyone they know who can be helped through AA. We had one guy say “Yeah, me.” If we can help one person, that ripples out into the community. That affects the whole community.
- CPC interfaces with doctors, lawyers and professionals. Over half of our Fellowship comes in, directly and indirectly, through professionals.

#### Public Information Committee: Russ C., Chair

##### Report:

November was a busy month for us. On November 19 and 20, we participated in the Clark Community Health and Wellness Fair. It was well attended and contacts were made in the UMC nursing department for future presentations.

November 22, we set up our literature table at the Convoy for Hope event. It was very well attended with an estimated attendance of 10,000 people. We spoke to a lot of people, and gave them literature to help them understand what we do, what Alcoholics Anonymous is and how they can help a potential alcoholic they may have in their lives.

November 27, 28, 29 & 30, we set up at the Round-Up. A lot of literature was given out and we were able to explain to fellow alcoholics what PI is.

I was given a listing of schools and contacts in Clark County. I contacted the Activities Department of the Cimarron Memorial, Western, Bonanza and Clark High Schools. Clark High requested literature for this health class to determine if they would like us to bring a presentation to

their school. The other three schools are taking the request to bring a presentation to their principals.

As always we need volunteers and/or liaisons for each Group.

Working with Nina G. with H&I, we will participate in the H&I Workshop February 28<sup>th</sup>.

Minutes:

- Thank you Cherie M., Leslie and Darryl for helping me know my job.
- At the Clark County Community Health and Wellness Fair, there was discussion about whether AA can help these professionals get continuing education credits. They are looking into it.

Bridging the Gap: Tyler

No report.

### DCM REPORTS:

District 1: Claudia B., DCM

Report:

First, I want to express my thanks to those who voted me in to this position. It is an honor and a privilege to be of service to AA. I was a GSR for the Boulder City Group for the last two years. I also want to thank the out-going officers from District 1 for their service and Jake, thank you for your willingness to help me with this rotation.

Next, we held elections at our last meeting in December and our new officers are: Ted G., our Alternate DCM; Joan R., Secretary/Webservant; Barbara B., Alternate Secretary; Vonda, Treasurer; Tom W., Alternate Treasurer; Libby, our Workshop Chair; and Bridget is our new Picnic Chair. Our liaison positions are: Larry, Archives; Joan, Grapevine with Tom W. as alternate; Tony, H&I with Cherie as alternate; Ted G., Hotline; PI/CPC, Vonda. Our District will also be covering the hotline once a month for the next year. Last year we covered the first Monday of the month from 8-8.

Finally, I am a bit in the dark right now but hopefully Jake has finally figured out this position and will be able to share the ins and outs with me. I know that of significant importance will be checking out the Groups who do not have GSRs and encourage general service participation.

Minutes:

- We will be deciding whether to do the hotline once a month for next year.

District 3: Jerry B., DCM

Report:

We had 7 in attendance at our District meeting today. 2 members from the Mesquite Group attended – 8 at this meeting. DCM funding was approved for PRAASA and Area Assembly. The District will provide funding support to active GSRs in the District for the Assembly up to \$100 funds permitting.

District activity was discussed or possible Speaker meeting at one of the Service places like the Vets Center or Samaritan House.

An Alternate DCM will be voted in at the March Assembly.

Minutes:

- Thank you Jonelle for your previous great work.
- Decided to get back into General Service. I was involved in General Service in Las Vegas all through the 90's.
- Russ is the Treasurer. We will vote on an Alt DCM at the Area Assembly, as well as a Secretary and Alt Treasurer.

#### District 5B: Bryce B., DCM

##### Report:

Our District had our elections last month, the results are as follows: DCM, Bryce B.; Alt DCM Lisa I.; Secretary Jennifer F. who is also our picnic chair; Treasurer Char S.; Registrar, Fred S.; Workshop Chair, Lisa G.; Public Information Liaison, [None]; Intergroup Liaison, [None]; Grapevine Liaison, [None].

All in all, we have put together a very enthusiastic team of servants. We are looking forward to tending to the business of our District, but also the business of the Area and ultimately the Conference.

Right now the only plans on the table are first to aid our new Delegate in preparation for the Spring Conference. Then after that we would like to get together with some of the other Districts and combine workshops. Maybe some PRAASA style panels for example.

One thing that I want to impress on my constituents is the fact that I must remember that I am a "Trusted Servant" meaning that I have limited authority and defined responsibilities. I must remember that I'm like a waiter in a restaurant; I'm here to facilitate your orders not to pick your dish for you. At this level of service our traditions and concepts become paramount because they help define our limits as servants. The book says it like this; "Most of us sense that real tolerance of other people's shortcoming and viewpoints and a respect for their opinions are the attitudes which make us more useful to others. Our very lives as ex problem drinkers depend on the constant thought of others and how we may help meet their needs."

For me it boils down to this; in order to quit drinking and reclaim my life I had to make a decision to turn my will and my life over to the "care" of God. I believe it is the same for my Home Group, District 5B, this Assembly and the Conference.

It is my hope that in the years ahead we'll all be able to look back at 2015 & 2016 with a sense of satisfaction knowing we did the best we could to carry on Alcoholics Anonymous's legacy of service.

#### District 7: "Chef" Bud L., DCM

##### Report:

First of all I would like to thank District 7 for allowing me to serve as their DCM for the next two years. I have pretty big shoes to fill, as my predecessors have done such a tremendous job as DCM.

My first order of business as DCM is that I have secured our old picnic site, for this year will be our 30<sup>th</sup> annual.

We finished the year out with our annual Christmas business meeting which was held at my wife's and I home. It was very well attended by our GSRs with several new GSRs giving a great start to the New Year.

As we begin the New Year, we will have 4 events, plus the annual Chili Cook-Off, which will be held on February 22, 2015. District 7 will be hosting again this year. Thank you to Alfredo for his award winning chili. Flyers will be out shortly for distribution to DCMs.

As I stated earlier, this will be our 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Mt. Charleston Picnic, and I have secured our previous location, which is Fox Tail Picnic Grounds, which has been improved tremendously. This will be an event that you must not miss.

Once again, I am honored to serve and look forward to an exciting two years.

Thank you.

Minutes:

- Alfredo has won two out of the last three chili cookoffs. Rhonda: "You're going *down* this year!"
- Chili Cookoff at 6<sup>th</sup> and St. Louis
- More will be revealed about the picnic, including the date

District 9: John F., DCM

Report:

I'm looking forward to representing the District in the best way possible for the coming two years. As I am a past DCM in the 90s I realize that this is one of the toughest service positions there is. But with that said, I plan on bringing fun and enthusiasm to my District and into general service.

This past week we went to the bank and got our new Treasurer and myself on the signature card for all banking. The new Treasurer is Paula S. The new Secretary is Vicky M. Randy W is going to be our Events Coordinator. And Robert is our new GSR representing the Men's Retreat Group.

On January 17 at Central Office from 2 to 4 PM, District 9 is holding a steps workshop. Mehdi O. And Bill H. will be our facilitators. And there will be free food and drink.

Minutes:

- Special thanks to Daniel V. being a big help to the District throughout the last rotation.
- The flyer says District 1 and District 9 are holding the steps workshop. District 1 is not involved, but can certainly take the credit. All are invited.
- We just had a business meeting, talked about the minutes and finances. We are going to develop a website. Robert will be our new Outreach Coordinator.

District 11: No Report.

District 13: Alison S., DCM

Report:

District 13 is geographically located at 4600 south Nellis Blvd. All of our meetings are held at the Triangle Club.

We're doing well, we are active and financially sound.

Our committee reps continue going to their respective meetings and share their reports with our GSR's.

Our GSR's are still hosting the District 13 speaker meetings that are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The attendance average continues to be around 30-40 people.

We have already implemented a budget for the year and are in the process of setting up a new

bank account. We are also in the planning stages for our first workshop of the year.

And last but not least I want to thank Glenn for all of his help and coaching during the past couple of years and during this rotation.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

District 15: Tim S., DCM

Report:

District 15 finished the year with a Christmas and New Years alcathon.

Christmas had 348 people in attendance. We have food and coffee supplied by the District.

New Years had 312 people attend and again food and coffee supplied by District 15.

Collections for the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition were down this year, as were numbers. We had a total of 660 people in attendance for the 2-day events and showed a loss of \$20 for the 2-day event.

We had 4 Groups chair meetings each time in support. One GSR and one Alt GSR each chaired meetings and 2 other GSRs each attended 1 meeting each.

So in all honesty I can say the District is alive, but not well. At this time the ABC Group may be deciding to be a meeting and no longer have a GSR because the bulk of the current Groups are basically homeless and/or unemployed.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension no longer exists due to non-attendance. Tho I've heard some people are investigating the revival of the 4<sup>th</sup> Dimension, I've heard nothing from them to date. I did inform them District 15 would give them some seed money if needed.

Thank you.

District 17: Christine, outgoing DCM, reporting for James, incoming DCM

Report:

James S. is our new DCM and asked me to speak today.

First, I want to thank everyone for their past and future support.

District 17 had their annual Christmas and New Years Eve alcathon. There was lots of good food and great meetings. These were again held at the 1<sup>st</sup> Step Club in Pahrump.

We have lots of plans in bringing the District closer by visiting Pahrump's outlying locations, events and workshops.

Meetings are going strong and AA is very much alive in District 17. Interest on the District level is picking up and we look forward to a challenging but rewarding 2015.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

Minutes:

- We made a little money from the Christmas and New Years Eve Alcathons.
- We need to reorganize and we are trying to get new committee members. It's going slow, but it's going.

District 19: No Report.

Distrito 21: Gabriel, MDC: Miembro de Comit  Distrito (DCM)

Informe (report):

Secretario (Secretary): Alejandra

Tesorero (Treasurer): Alejandro

Secciones (Meetings): 7pm on Thursdays

Asistencia (Attendance): 20-25

Comites Auxiliares (Committees): H&I, Foro(?), IP: Informacion Publico (PI) and La Vina.

Informe de Comite (Committee Information):

Grupo Rio de Luz (River of Light Group) 7pm – 9pm

Taller (Workshop) February 7, 2015 12-6pm on La Vina.

17 Spanish Groups (most of which meet every day/night)

Minutes:

- Workshop for Pacific Area at Rio de Luz for La Vina. On Feb. 7. Lots of food.

## OLD BUSINESS:

### Guidelines Change Proposal

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Discussion on this, so limited discussion
- Voting members: SAGSC Officers, Area Officers, Standing Committee Chairs and all duly elected GSRs and DCMs (or their Alts)
- Eligible voters: 65
- Proposal read

New Proposal: To amend Southern Area 42 General Service Committee Guidelines.

Objective: To provide funding for all Elected Committee Chairs to the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service (PRAASA).

Rationale: To allow the Southern Area 42 Elected Committee Chairs to attend and participate at PRAASA. "The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, Groups and Areas of the Pacific Region to encourage: and to provide an opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA." (taken from the PRAASA.org website.)

The exchange of communication and ideas at this Assembly among the Committee Chairs would greatly enhance our effectiveness in our Area with regard to reaching out to our members and the community as a whole.

If this Southern Area Guideline is changed, it would make us more uniform with the Northern Area which presently provides funding for their Committee Chairs if funds are available).

Amend these sections:

VI. C. The SAGSC treasury will provide funding for the Southern Area Chair-person, Treasurer, Secretary, Registrar, ~~and~~ Archivist, and elected committee chairs to the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) if requested, in their budget, and funds permitting, provided funding is not otherwise available. (Area Officers from Area Funding).

1. ALL PRAASA funding shall be based on balance funding formula.

2. "Exotic Location" funding shall be based on Federal Guidelines.

- Friendly Discussion
  - Danny: How is this working out for the Northern area? Does NAGS have more of a voice up there?

- Cherie: NAGS handles their funds differently than we do. NAGS takes in more money than SAGS; NAGS doesn't have as much money as we do, because of the way they use their funds. They treat their Committee Chairs differently; they send their Committee Chairs. At this moment, the Committees are Intergroup Committees—they are not Area 42 Committees. They not elected (except in their Committees) and are not responsible to a Group, like GSRs are. SAGSC participates in funding their Committee Chairs to go to PRAASA because SAGSC sometimes wants their Committee Chairs to go to Area Assemblies. We have never funded Committee Chairs to PRAASA.
  - Rhonda: If this goes through, this would go into their budgets and then half the money would come from SAGS and half would come from Intergroup. Intergroup has already voted on it.
  - Matt: PRAASA is great. Was able to meet people and discuss H&I and Bridging the Gap. Was able to meet the Northern Area and California reps doing the same work.
  - Tom: What would the financial impact be on SAGSC?
    - Cherie N.: No impact on Area 42. Whatever the funding for SAGSC Officers, you can add four more people to funding for existing four people who would go to PRAASA.
  - Cherie M.: PRAASA is great. Interface with other chairs. Cooperation with elderly committee idea came out of it. Lots of great suggestions. Invaluable.
- Call the Vote?
  - Voted on calling the vote. Yes.
- **MOTION** for proposal written above. Seconded.
  - 53 for vote. Motion passed. No minority opinion.
- It takes affect next budget, for 2016's budget.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Vince: Proposal for SAGS to commit to pay for ½ the cost of the audit and tax return for the Area. The Northern Area has already agreed to pay \$400. The Area Treasurer pays for preparation of taxes for SAGS, NAGS and Area. An accountant prepares it and pays the taxes. I believe the cost is approximately \$800-\$1000. The North has agreed to pay a portion to offset the cost.
- Cherie N.: It's \$350 total.
- Vince: I can follow up. That's not what I was told. They want \$300 just to do the compilation.
- Cherie N.: NAGs and SAGS have separate EINS and Bank accounts. Area 42 is made of SAGS and NAGS. When it was decided they needed to be joined together, 6 years ago, we filed a joint tax return. It is the Area 42's tax return, which includes SAGS and NAGS and Area 42 pays for it. Prior to me doing the compilation, the cost of the accountant doing the tax return was \$950. When I started doing it, filing of the tax return was \$350 dollars. Now we have the

Finance Committee to do the tax return who is capable to do the compilation. But the Area Finance Committee decided that they would have the tax preparer do the compilation and they are adding \$100 to \$300 to it to depending on work. Therefore the Area tax return with all three EIN numbers will be about \$600.

- **MOTION** for SAGSC to pay ½ the cost of the Area 42 audit. Vote after discussion.
  - Rhonda: Can we make a motion to pay 1/3 of whatever it is? Seconded.
  - Vince: **MOTION** to pay 1/3 of the cost of the tax preparation and the compilation for the tax preparation for Area 42. Seconded.
  - Discussion
    - Tom: Can we bring up new biz and vote on it at the same mtg?
    - Unknown person: Has Area 42 asked for assistance for this?
      - Vince: No.
    - Libby: They're not paying it out of their pocket right? It's coming out of Area 42 treasury.
      - Vince. Yes.
    - Bud: We should pay our fair share.
      - Vince. Yes. We should pay our fair share.
  - Motion passed. One dissenter—no minority opinion.

#### SAGSC HOSTING

Thanks to District for hosting: District 5B

Host for next SAGSC: District 7

#### GOOD AND WELFARE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Celebration of birthdays: 10 birthdays, 213 years total.