

# SAGSC

SOUTHERN AREA 42 GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE  
NOVEMBER 8, 2015 - Meeting Minutes  
TIE CLUB - 329 N. 11th ST - LAS VEGAS NV

Meeting opened by SAGSC chair Jonelle W. at 1:15 pm with the serenity prayer.

Introduction of 8 new GSR's and alt GSR's with 1 new DCM.

Motion was made to approve the July 12, 2015 meeting minutes as written. Seconded and passed with no corrections.

## **GSR SURVIVAL TRAINER: LISA**

Report:

There were 11 new GSRs attending the survival training.

Meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer.

Introductions were made.

The following items were distributed:

- Agenda for SAGSC Meeting
- List of Area Officers and DCMs
- Questions for the new GSRs
- Area 42 Survival Guides
- GSR Preamble
- Group Change/New Group Forms

All the above items were reviewed.

General questions were answered.

The meeting was adjourned with the Responsibility Declaration.

Advised any new GSR's or alt GSR's not attending training to see her after the meeting.

## **SAGSC TREASURER REPORT: EDIE**

Our current assets as of 11-5-15 are \$18,299.56 in our checking account and \$15,009.83 in our savings account. We are currently showing a net income of \$2,795.97. We have successfully transitioned our checking/savings accounts to Chase Bank. **We have also made a "name change" and future checks should be made payable to SAGSC.**

I would also like to ask you all to please, please, please put your group name and number on your checks. Without that, your contributions are not being credited to your groups, but get recorded under "unknown group".

Edie D.

## **SAGSC SECRETARY: GLENN**

I have received the Sagcs laptop computer, printer and voice recorder, all in good working condition. Purchased and updated the anti virus program on the computer along with buying a mouse, batteries and an external mic. The total purchase came to 114.54. Also purchased ink for the printer at a cost of 41.05 I received a box from Erica which included two old mini cassette tape recorders and many recordings of past NAGSC meetings. I will turn them over to Phil for archival purposes. I have been working on ways to be able to get the SAGSC voice recordings to you. I have tried a couple different methods and will implement them at today's meeting.

I want to thank Gabriel from District 21 for inviting me to share on how to improve service and get others involved at their district meetings. I humbly ask all who give reports to this body to please email me your reports prior to the meetings or bring two hard copies with you. One for me to include into the minutes and one for the interpreter if one is present.

**Note:** After some discussion after the meeting it was determined voice recordings of SAGSC meetings should remain solely as a tool for use in making the forthcoming SAGSC business meeting minutes.

## **1ST READING: PROPOSED BUDGET 2016**

### **SAGSC 2016 - Budget Report from Finance Committee - November 8, 2015**

#### **Discussion on use of SAGSC Funds - Need a motion, second and vote on each item.**

- 1 In order to provide for individuals going to PRAASA 2016 and two Area Assemblies.
- A PRAASA 2016 in SPOKANE, WA - SAGSC OFFICERS - CHAIR, TREASURER, SECRETARY  
  
UP TO \$775.00 (airfare \$352. hotel \$400 - 3 nights = \$752, plus reg & food)  
TOTAL - \$2325.00
- B PRAASA 2016 in SPOKANE, WA - COMMITTEE CHAIRS - GRAPEVINE, PI/CPC, SPECIAL NEEDS/ACCESSIBILITY, INTERGROUP LIASON  
UP TO \$775.00 (airfare \$352. hotel \$400 - 3 nights = \$752, plus reg & food)  
TOTAL - \$3100.00 - 1/2 to be funded by SAGSC = \$1550.
- C PRAASA 2016 in SPOKANE, WA - ARCHIVIST, REGISTRAR  
UP TO \$775.00 (airfare \$352. hotel \$400 - 3 nights = \$752, plus reg & food)  
TOTAL - \$1550.00
- D 2016 Area Assemblies: SAGSC Officer + DCM Trainer  
\$250.00 per person x 2 assemblies = TOTAL \$1000.00

**Note:** both Secretary and Treasurer also hold Alt Area positions, so are funded by Area 42

Committee Chairs are funded from Intergroup and SAGSC on a 50/50 basis to cover expenses and attendance at two Area Assemblies plus PRAASA. They are not funded by SAGSC to attend out-of-area events.

Adding Committee Chairs, plus Archivist, Registrar, GSR Survival and DCM trainer is a new budget item this year.

- 2 PI/CPC - REQUESTED \$3700.00  
Balance from 2015 to be subtracted from request = 1/2 of \$81 00 = \$3610.00  
Finance Committee recommends funding \$1034.50 for two assemblies,  
1/2 Gas, 1/2 Literature and 1/2 Workshop Expense for Presentations
- 3 Grapevine - REQUESTED \$800.00  
Finance committee recommends funding \$400.00 for two assemblies  
and related expense.
- 4 Special Needs/Accessibility - REQUESTED \$1731.00  
Balance from 2015 to be subtracted from request = 1/2 of \$1444.00 = \$287.00  
Finance Committee recommends funding \$475.00 for two assemblies,  
1/2 Literature and 1/2 Booth & Workshop
- 5 Intergroup Liaison - NO REQUEST  
Balance from 2015 to be subtracted from request \$635.00

Finance Committee recommends funding \$200.00 for two assemblies.

Funding for GSRs to Area Assemblies up to \$75.00 each request - 28 GSRs after Groups and Districts have been unable to totally fund them - Maximum funding is \$2100.00

**TOTAL FUNDS RECOMMENDED FOR ALL OF THE ABOVE - \$10,634.50**

While we can appreciate that the above proposal increases last year's recommendations by \$3,619.50, we have voted on approving PRAASA EXPENSE for an additional 6 people which increases our expenditures plus adjusted fees for PRAASA location based on actual airfares and hotel charges. PI/CPC have requested substantially more than last year. (increased by \$1955.)

CPC/PI Request \$200 additional funding for this calendar year for rural So. Area work. This includes gas money and 3 literature racks for SNAMHS locations.

THIS IS A SPECIAL REQUEST AND SHOULD BE VOTED ON SEPARATELY.

\*Questions were asked and answered for clarity.

### **1ST READING: FUNDING FOR PRAASA – ALT. AREA CHAIR**

Proposal to approve - motion to fund our alt Chair to PRASSA in March 2016.

written by: Roberta N. (NAGSC) Special Needs Remote Communities chairperson.

Presented by Rhonda W.:

I move that the assembly approves this non-precedent-setting, one time motion to fund our alt Chairperson which happens to be Justin P. to the Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRASSA) in Spokane, Washington in March 2016.

Background and rationale:

Justin P was our area secretary in the last rotation and was unable to attend the last PRASSA during this rotation. I submit that if this motion is approved the information exchanged and fellowship between Justin and members from other areas of PRASSA will ultimately benefit area 42 and I believe we should encourage the 10% who are actually willing to become trusted servants and are interested and remaining in general service.

Respectfully submitted.

Roberta N.  
Special Needs Remote Communities chairperson.

**Note:** The SAGSC Chair clarified since this is not a guideline change and a one time approval this item only needs to be addressed with a simple vote.

\*Questions were asked and answered for clarity.

Motion made to approve, seconded and carried to fund the alt chair to PRASSA 2016 in Spokane Wa.

### **1ST READING: DCM COORDINATOR – FUNDED SAGSC POSITION**

DCM Coordinator

Objective: To make the appointed DCM Coordinator a funded SAGSC Standing Committee Chair position. The funding provided will be for the Fall and the Spring Area Assemblies and supplies needed for trainings. (This funding does not include PRAASA due to no stated purpose for position to attend).

Rationale: The position of DCM Coordinator was established three years ago as another source available to incoming DCMs. The appointed Coordinator has been asked to conduct a

DCM training session prior to the January SAGSC meeting of a new rotation year, provide literature to assist them and do a training at each of the Area Assemblies. Funding this position would allow the coordinator the opportunity to fulfill their requirements more efficiently and make it an easier position to appoint. Up until now, the position has been filled by trusted servants who have funded themselves. This position is a voting and funded Standing Committee Chair position of NAGSC.

Guideline Changes: (addition in **BOLD**)

### III. VOTING MEMBERS AND PROCEDURES

A. Voting procedures shall be in accordance with the A.A. service Manual and the Area 42 General Service Committee Guidelines.

B. The following shall be full voting members of SAGSC:

1. SAGSC Officers

a). Chairperson

b). Treasurer

c). Secretary

d). Registrar

e). Archivist

2. Area 42 Officers, Newsletter Editor and Webservant, if residing or elected from the South

3. SAGSC Committee Chairs

a) H&I

b) CPC

c) PI

d) Accessibilities (Special Needs)

e) Grapevine

f) GSR Survival Trainer

g) Intergroup Liaison

**h) DCM Coordinator**

4. All duly elected Group Service Representatives (GSRs) and District Committee Members (DCMs) residing in Southern Area 42 or their alternates

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### VI. FUNDING

1. The Southern Area 42 Treasurer shall maintain the SAGSC treasury in an account requiring the signatures of both the Treasurer and the Finance Committee Chairperson of SAGSC for all withdrawals. A copy of the bank statement shall be mailed monthly by the treasurer to the SAGSC Finance Committee Chair.
2. The Southern Area 42 Treasurer shall:
  - i, Disburse funds to meet the expenses of the SAGSC meetings.
  - ii, Provide 50 percent of the approved budgeted expenses, as presented by the SAGSC Finance Committee in November, for CPC, PIC, SNC, Grapevine, and other special committees as approved by this body. **Provide 100 percent approved budgeted expenses for the appointed SAGSC DCM Coordinator.**

Respectfully submitted by the SAGSC Chair.

### AREA OFFICERS:

#### DELEGATE: MIKE

Serving as the Area Delegate. Explained similarities between delegate position and GSR position as a conduit for information to get to the groups. Has brought enough copies of conference reports to distribute two copies per person. Also has brought leftover copies of the survey that GSO did. Explained briefly on PRASSA and encouraged and informed attendees were to go for pre-registration and hotel

reservations. Mike encouraged all going to PRASSA to book airfare early for best rates. Mike encouraged picking up the new Grapevine magazine issue and reading our very own "Emily C. story" and thanked everyone for a wonderful year.

**AREA CHAIR: PHIL**

Came down from the north to attend the district 7 workshop and pick up the conference reports to bring back to NAGSC. Grateful to be sober.

**ALT. AREA CHAIR: JUSTIN**

My duties are to assist Phil with the area assembly. I'm also in possession of translation equipment for District 21 if needed. I was able to attend the district 21 business meeting with Glenn and Cherie in October.

**REGISTRAR: EMILY**

Has new GSR change forms and anyone needing one please see her and she will put you in the system so you can get your new GSR packet from GSO.

**NEWSLETTER: ANNE**

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Newsletter. This week we finished our fourth and final edition of 2015. I hope you have found each edition informative and thought provoking. I'd like to thank everyone who contributed, gave me feedback and helped edit.

I have a few copies of the newsletter here with me. Please share them as you see fit.

Next year, the newsletter is scheduled to publish on the following dates: Feb. 23, April 30, Aug. 10 and Oct. 31. If you'd like to submit an article or suggest content, please reach me. This is our Area 42 Newsletter so everything will be considered for publication.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Yours in service,

Anne K.

Area 42 Newsletter Editor

**ARCHIVIST: RHONDA:** No report

**STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**ACCESSABILITIES (SPECIAL NEEDS): DARRYL**

We have been busy since the last SAGSC meeting.

We shared tables at the Celebrate Recovery at Las Vegas City Hall a much better organized affair this year. It was well attended and we made a lot of contacts for future events. Helped Cherie at the Lifestyles Intervention convention on the last of three days, saw the key note speaker that day. Ironically he was a special needs member of our program with 12 years sobriety. Talked with him, and got him and his wife to visit our booth. Even he was not aware of the services we provide and being a doctor in the Boston metropolitan area makes me aware that we have a long way to go in providing these services making people aware of the availability, and eliminating the stigma surrounding the words Special Needs and Accessibilities.

We are trying once again trying to start a meeting for the deaf utilizing subtitles on a big screen TV. Along with a ASL interpreter. Hopefully I can do that within my present budget. If not I will present an amendment at a later date. It's time we did this and it is sorely needed. \*

We manned a table at the District 1 picnic. And finally Cherie and I attended The Mental Health First Aid course in Pahrump, an 8 hour class that was very informative and rewarding. Thankfully the Nye County coalition funded it, so yes it was free. Cherie and I funded the transportation.

**BRIDGE THE GAP: LENNY:** No report

**H&I: MATT**

H&I is going good. Has new panels open and is looking for volunteers to fill them. Looking for H&I reps from groups to help carry information from the committee to group members. H&I meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at central office at 6:30pm. All funds for H&I come from group and individual contributions. Matt has thank you cards available for those that have contributed funds to the committee.

**INTERGROUP: DEAN -No Report****GRAPEVINE: JAKE**

My name is Jake- I'm an alcoholic. I know we have a very busy agenda today so I am going to keep this very short and sweet. Hopefully by now all of you are aware of the grapevine subscription challenge for 2015. When the year started Nevada had 456 AA Grapevine subscriptions. So far in 2015 we have received 120 new paid subscriptions. That puts us at a total of 26.3% growth in new paid subscriptions. Last time I gave a report here I believe we were in 6th place overall. Today we are in 4th place overall for new paid subscriptions. So please if you have never had a subscription to the grapevine or you used to have one and are thinking about renewing it now would be a great time to do it. I have subscription forms here for you to fill out today and there is only about a month left in the subscription challenge. November 26th through the 29th will be the dates for this years Las Vegas round up. The southern area 42 Grapevine committee is responsible for all of the AAWS and Grapevine literature at this event. This is a very big job and we will need volunteers to help. You do not have to be a grapevine rep to help us out at this event. I am looking for someone to work the table that Thursday from noon until 4 and from 4 until 9. If you are interested in helping us please let me know. In the new November issue of the AA Grapevine there was a very good story published on sponsorship. That story happened to be written by our current area registrar Emily C. The story was based on a talk that she gave at PRAASA in San Diego. You have to check it out! This issue is totally sold out at central office as well as most of our grapevine reps. But luckily for you I have copies of the issue here with me today. You can get them for the low low price of only \$3 an issue. Get them while they are hot. As always if you would like me to come to your group or event please let me know. I have been your grapevine chair for almost a year now. It has been a very amazing and rewarding commitment. Thank you very much for letting me serve in this position. You have given me a new way of life, and a life worth living. I love you all.

**PI / CPC: CHERIE**

PI/CPC (combined report). 11/8/15.

Since Area Assembly, some of what we've done:

District 17: table at Suicide Prevention Walk, Pahrump. Lit to Behavioral Health and SNAMHS. Lit and GV to Pahrump Comm Library.

District 11: Lit to SNAMHS, Tonopah plus library.

LIC Conference 10/5-7 (table)

MFI. Ongoing mtgs and first "LSC" series panel (table/spoke)

CCSD. Lit/YP DVDs to 8 locations (incl 2 rural) for substance abuse program (Middle/High Schools).

FFR event @City Hall (table)

LLS/NLVPD Open mrkt (table)

PTA Open House (table)

NLVPD Halloween event (table)

LVMPD Season Peace event (table)

About 3/4 tables with District 21. We're carrying the message exponentially!

Big thank you to groups contributing through the green can. This is helping us to stay afloat and get the message out to many more people!

We meet @ 4:30 the second Monday of the month at Central Office (before Intergroup). All are welcome. Join us!

Thank you for allowing me to be of service. Cherie

**Note: It was also announced that we are in need of a PI committee chair.**

## **DCM REPORTS:**

### **DISTRICT 1: CLAUDIA**

Claudia B. District 1 – Hi, my name is Claudia and I am an alcoholic. I am also the DCM for District 1. First, we had a very successful picnic in October at Broadbent Park in Boulder City. Everyone worked together to put on a great event. I am very proud of the committee members and chairs in our district. They provided great food, entertainment and a speaker. I had a great time at a wedding in Des Moines. Our district chairs are amazing. We also had a great turnout at our Concepts workshop in October that we held with District 13 at the Triangle Club. There were 35 or so people and our speakers did a great job. Libby also wrote a wonderfully entertaining play for us to present. We had pasta and pizza, which was enjoyed we are continuing to develop guidelines for our district based on the ones kindly given to me by the DCM from District 13. The next event in the planning is the Chili Cook-off, which we host due to the fact that we won this past year. We are still working on our guidelines. The other things that we are continuing to do is incorporate discussions on chapters from the service manual into our monthly (Non-SAGS/Tonopah) meetings and a discussion at each meeting of some of the challenges that we have in our service positions. Thank you for letting me be of service.

### **DISTRICT 3: JERRY**

In attendance today are Steve M. Graduates Group, Debbie T. How it Works Group, Dave M Mesquite AA District 3 is financially solvent. We had our regular district 3 business meeting just prior to the SAGSC meeting. Steve M was elected our new treasurer. David N and Leah B are no longer GSRs Eric M was elected as the new GSR for the Straight Pepper Diet Group. We are planning a May 2016 District 3 service event, proposed location is Mesquite NV. Once the date and location is confirmed with the Mesquite AA Group we will reach out to the delegate, various committee chairs and officers requesting their participation.

Thank you, Jerry B. DCM District 3

### **DISTRICT 5B: BRYCE**

My name is Bryce and I'm your the DCM for district 5b. I have a very brief report. Our picnic which was held on October 11th was a success. It was attended by 75 - 80 or so folks. There was plenty to eat and a lot of fun for everyone. There were a half a dozen or so cakes won in the cake walk and the district made \$96 with the 50/50 raffle. We have not finalize plans for our next workshop. Our next district meeting is Saturday the 14th and we will continue discussing on what we want to do. Right now we are tentatively looking at January for the next date. We're looking at our treasurer Char to do a segment on the 7th tradition. We also may add a piece on the importance of our traditions and how our society evolved from the forties and fifties to the way it is today and why that is important. The idea being is to prepare our district for the upcoming conference, to show why our work at the group and area level is of vital importance to our society as a whole. We may also have a segment on concept 12 which is relevant to the above mentioned topics. Our alternate DCM Lisa I., committed to do a panel at the desert hope treatment facility with me on the first Saturday of the month. At our business meeting next Saturday I'm going to give the district the opportunity to be the official sponsor of that meeting. We'll talk about it. Again my name is Bryce B., DCM for District 5. Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

### **DISTRICT 7: BUD**

Hello everyone my name is Bud L.; I am an alcoholic and currently serve as your District 7 DCM. I want to thank the District and Area for allowing me to serve. We have the best District in the Area, just saying!! Well the end of another great year in AA and in District 7 as we had our final service event of the year. It was on the 11th and 12th Traditions. The not so glum lots players were in action and it was a hit. Benny and his crew had a great service event. The panel of speakers was filled with wisdom. Not that they

were old but had some great knowledge on the subject! The Ask-it-Basket was filled with some very good questions as always. When finished we served lunch prepared by Chef Bud "R D". Must have been OK as they ate most of it.

So that marks the end of the year besides our Christmas business meeting in December and of course our pursuit to attract more meetings to be active in the District as well. Lisa T. our Alt DCM has done a fantastic job working with Emily to keep our groups updated, added and current within the AA community. My hats off to her for a great job. We will also have our Annual picnic at Foxtail once again. What a blessing to be able to use such a nice venue. So come out and support the District as well as sending uo your District events so we can attend yours as well. Again special thanks to District 7 on making us who we are, just a bunch of drunks keeping other drunks sober and having a good time at it!! Thanks you for allowing me to be of service,

#### **DISTRICT 9: JOHN**

My name is John F. and I am the DCM for district 9. Our current balance for District nine is \$1300. We had a district event at Central Office August 22. We did a step study on step 10 and our Facilitator was Bill H. It was attended by 25 people and it was very enjoyable for all present. We are planning on continuing our step study sometime early next year on step 11. We currently have five GSR's who actively attend District meetings. I'm looking forward to another good year of service for District nine.

Yours in service

John F.

#### **DISTRICT 11: DEBRAH - NO REPORT**

#### **DISTRICT 13: ALISON - Report given by Darel E.**

District 13 is doing well, we are active and financially sound. Regrettably, we lost 1 GSR and 1 alternate since our last meeting. Our GSR's are still hosting the District 13 speaker meeting that is held on the second Tuesday of every month @ 6:30p. Our next speaker is Catherine A. from the Second Chance group, who will be sharing her service experience with us this Tuesday.

We had an awesome Concepts workshop in October with District 1 that was fun and well attended. Special thanks to Libby for coordinating, Jake for another excellent job with the Grapevine table, and last but not least District 1's overall participation and attendance.

Our next event will be early 2016, more details to follow thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Respectfully submitted,

Darel E.

District 13 Alt. DCM

#### **DISTRICT 15: Randy**

Hello everyone my name is Randy, I was elected the new DCM for district 15 on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Currently we're doing okay we have a lot of things coming up in December. We have two "Alcathons" one starting on Christmas Eve thru Christmas Day and one starting on New Years eve thru New Years day. We have lots of time slots open for groups to fill positions for these meetings. Please get with Bob and sign up. We have changed our meeting days from the first Monday at 6:30 to the third Monday at 6:30 everyone is welcome to attend. Trying to get the district put back together as a whole.

Thank you for letting me be of service.

#### **DISTRICT 17: JAMES**

Pahrump and surrounding outlying areas. We are increasing the financial aspects of our district as the groups are beginning to participate more. We are working on filling a couple of chair positions within our district. At the group level we are starting to see more participation with the groups selecting GSRs and becoming more aware of the district and how to take part. We had a great "Lovel Canyon" speaker/picnic meeting that we would like to give thanks to our speaker for coming up, thank you LC. We are in the rehearsal stage of our 12 step play this is going to coincide with the presentations of our service



positions at the district level this process has opened the door to creating more unity and fellowship in our district. We will be having two "alcathons", one on Christmas and the other on New Years Eve lasting 24 hours each, these are potluck events. We have a couple new H&I committee members thankfully. We have a new PI/C PC chair. Some of the areas we are still in need to fill are the Intergroup liaison, Spanish speaking liaison, Archives chair to name a few. We are still working on making it more attractive for the outlining groups of our district to participate at the district level. We are witnessing an increased amount of fellowship from the Alano Club to the district due to being more cooperative in our directives of helping the still suffering alcoholic. Enjoying the opportunities of being in service and always on the lookout for new ways to be useful.

Thank you.

#### **DISTRICT 19: DAMON - NO REPORT**

#### **DISTRICT 21: GABRIEL**

Hi my name is Gabriel and this is my report for district 21. We have 17 groups most of our groups have two meetings every day. Our committees H&I, CPC, IP, Roundup, La Vina and the Forum are working hard. We give a special thanks to Justin, Glenn, Cherie for talking to district 21. They are real happy with presentations and want to continue this type of meeting. We have meetings every Thursday in district 21. The main thing is everybody is happy in district 21. We are looking forward to hosting the assembly in April.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The positions that needed to be filled for the southern area ie: treasure and secretary are now filled.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **DCM/STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS – JOINT MEETING FOLLOWING SAGSC MEETINGS:**

After a brief discussion it was decided that SAGSC will host a meeting of our DCM's and committee chairs after the regular SAGSC meeting and run until approximately 4pm.

#### **ELECTION OF NEW SAGSC FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Finance Committee chair Edie announced two positions were available for finance committee members. Edie outlined requirements and duties. Joe V. and Shawn were confirmed through vote.

THANKS TO DISTRICT 3 FOR HOSTING  
HOST FOR NEXT SAGSC - **5B**

#### **GOOD & WELFARE ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NEXT SAGSC MEETING (TIE CLUB) – JANUARY 10, 2016 AT 1:15PM

PRAASA – SPOKANE, WA – MARCH 4-6, 2016

AGENDA TOPIC PRESENTATIONS (ROUNDTABLES) – 2nd WEEKEND IN MARCH 2016

AREA 42 AREA ASSEMBLY – TONOPAH, NV – APRIL 1-3, 2016

CLOSE WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY PLEDGE