

SAGSC
SOUTHERN AREA GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE
JULY 12, 2020

OPEN WITH SERENITY PRAYER & GSR PREAMBLE

JAKE: opened with the GSR Preamble.

Welcome to the virtual SAGSC meeting.

SECRETARY REPORT: LISA

Hi Everyone! Thank you for sending me your reports. It sure makes it a lot easier for me and the translation team. Nothing too exciting to report. Jake and Rhonda and Julie have been doing a great job making sure that nothing slips through the cracks during this unprecedented time, and has been great at communicating with everyone and keeping us all in the loop. Also, in my personal journey in my recovery during the pandemic, I have found huge opportunity to practice and learn and share the Traditions. So grateful for knowledge and practical application of them. May minutes were composed and translated and I have nothing left to report. Also reminder that i am recording the meeting via tiny handheld recorder.

APPROVAL OF MAY 31, 2020 MINUTES

GSR TRAINER: JONELLE

Date: July 12, 2020

I wanted to start by thanking everyone who showed up to our first Zoom GSR Training. Julie, Jake, Lisa, Libby, Bryce, and I met last week to try this out Zoomstyle and I think we pulled it off pretty well! The number of New GSRs/Alt.'S in attendance was awesome and I thank you and General Service thanks you!

The following items were referenced/discussed:

HELPFUL A.A. LITERATURE/FORMS AND TIPS FOR GROUP REPORTS

OUR NEVADA AREA 42 SERVICE STRUCTURE

AREA OFFICERS & DCMs

AREA 42 SURVIVAL GUIDE

In addition to the regular "Welcome to Nevada Area 42 General Service" breakdown, I was able to touch on our SAGSC Inventory and Concepts 3, 4, & 5. If you did not attend today's training and have no idea what Concepts 3, 4, & 5 are... please refer to your handy Service Manual and start on page 1, which is in the back of the book, however starting on page S1, is not a bad place to begin either! Thank you for all you do and allowing me to do this with you! Jonelle.

DCM COORDINATOR: BRYCE

My name is Bryce and I'm an alcoholic. I'm currently serving as your DCM Coordinator for the Southern Area.

I want to touch on a couple of things this afternoon. First, earlier today we had a meeting with some of our southern area DCM's. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss some topics that are pertinent to the area.

We talked about the importance of leadership. I gave a quick presentation of the 9th Concept and talked briefly about our 9th tradition. It all boils down to leadership and responsibility. And as DCM's we are a "committee" that has a responsibility to not only lead by example, but to serve our area as needed.

Another thing we discussed was our annual chili cook off. We began talking about the organization of it for next spring. As I am writing this report prior to the actual meeting I can only describe what we discussed in a general way.

I would like to share about a virtual meeting that I attended for the first time on the last Sunday in June. It is a virtual meeting that focuses on the traditions and Concepts. It starts at 5:00pm PST on the 2nd Friday and the last Sunday of each month. The meeting is sponsored by past and active delegates/area officers of Area 15, Southern Florida. The Zoom code is 455 496 8467, pw Outreach (case sensitive). I found this meeting to be highly informative and I would recommend it to anyone who wants to get more informed about general service. The formats are: 2nd Friday is general discussion about service and the last Sunday is a Tradition/Concept speaker mtg.

So, one of the ideas that I have is to have a monthly speaker meeting at the new Central Office location sponsored by the Southern Area DCM's . We could have 2 speakers; one 10 minute the other 30 minutes or so and then have a question and answer session. Use the GSR's and the other area officers to fill those slots. The topic would always be something related to service so we could get ideas on how to better discharge our duties. How can we best make our service structure more effective and efficient? How do our Traditions and our Concepts affect the way we do things in AA? Where do we start? Maybe the second Saturday of the month or any Saturday or Sunday that would not conflict with the regularly scheduled meetings that we already have would work.

Hopefully by the time the Assembly comes; our committee will have more information to pass on to the body. Thank you for allowing me to serve;

Bryce B. DCM Coordinator.. July 2020

SAGSC TREASURER: SEAN

SAGSC - Treasurer's Report

July 10, 2020

Hi Everyone and Welcome!

Sean D., Alcoholic.

I am your SAGSC Treasurer. I hope everyone is Staying Safe and Doing Well. In June, Rhonda and I worked together to refile for the SAGSC fictitious Name with the County Clerk. This happens every 5 years, so this expense of \$25 was not foreseen or on the budget.

As of today, the checking balance is \$21163.22 and savings balance is \$7515.01, a combined bank total of \$28,678.23.

On Budget health, 25% of budgeted expense pay out for this year. To date I have received 109% of the estimated contributions collected in group contributions, 7th Tradition and intergroup standing committee residual funds sent to SAGSCs. We are within budget and the prudent reserve is healthy.

Please do not make your contributions to GSR Fund of Southern Nevada. Please help your groups get receipts and credit for contributions. Make any group contributions payable to:

S.A.G.S.C.

PO BOX 71804

Las Vegas, NV 89170-1804

Reference in envelope or on check, Group Name, Group Number and District. If you would like an email copy for your group, please include an email address. We have had increased postage expenses as emails are not being provided. We do not provide postage or mail receipts to groups via US Mail.

Please reach out to me via email if you need a receipt for your group's contribution.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Respectfully,

Sean D.

SAGSC Treasurer

[See attached budget at the end](#)

AREA OFFICER REPORTS:

DELEGATE: RHONDA

I have been approached about whether we can start meeting or not and I wanted to share some of the things that the GSO and other Delegates are sharing. I have links and can help you find the information for your group to make the right decision, but each meeting is allowed to make their own decision. [AA.org](#) has info there too. We do not have rules in AA, but we just want to do what is right for our community. Mis you guys so much. Hope we can be together in November.

ALTERNATE DELEGATE: JULIE

My name is Julie and I am an alcoholic and currently serving as our Panel 69 Alternate Delegate. Welcome to all of you who are new to general service. I want to thank Jake for asking me to talk today about general service. It is my intention to draw a thru line from the group to the general service conference.

So, what is general service, you may ask. One definition from the pamphlet, *Circles of Love* is:

“A.A. is made up of interconnected circles of people within the Fellowship, who work together to carry A.A.’s message of hope. But in order for A.A. to run itself without bosses or rules, in accordance with our Twelve Traditions, we need a system of communication for finding out how A.A. as a whole feels about its world affairs, and how it wants to operate.

For A.A. to run its own affairs, each A.A. group needs to make its voice heard on overall A.A. policies. This starts with a group’s general service representative (G.S.R.), who represents the voice of the group conscience and has the job of linking his or her group with A.A. as a whole.”

As Bill W wrote in *Concept I*:

“The A.A. groups today hold ultimate responsibility and final authority for our world services - those special elements of over-all service activity which make it possible for our Society to function as a whole. The groups assumed that responsibility at the St. Louis International Convention of 1955. There, on behalf of Dr. Bob, the trustees, and A.A.’s old time leaders, I made the transfer of world service responsibility to our entire Fellowship.”

But what does that mean for your group? Each group has both the responsibility and the authority for our world services. What does it mean to have a G.S.R.? When I was a new G.S.R. I heard a lot of opinions about what my new position entailed. Because of all the different opinions, I have learned to go to the literature, especially, when in doubt. As explained in the G.S.R. pamphlet: You transmit ideas and opinions, as well as facts; through you, the group conscience becomes a part of “the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship,” as expressed in the general service conference. You may ask, do I really know what an informed group conscience is?

From the Group pamphlet: ***What Is an Informed A.A. Group Conscience?***

“The group conscience is the collective conscience of the group membership and thus represents substantial unanimity on an issue before definitive action is taken. This is achieved by the group members through the sharing of full information, individual points of view, and the practice of A.A. principles. To be fully informed requires a willingness to listen to minority opinions with an open mind.

On sensitive issues, the group works slowly — discouraging formal motions until a clear sense of its collective view emerges. Placing principles before personalities, the membership is wary of dominant opinions. Its voice is heard when a well-informed group arrives at a decision. The result rests on more than a “yes” or “no” count — precisely because it is the spiritual expression of the group conscience. The term “informed group conscience” implies that pertinent information has been studied and all views have been heard before the group votes.”

Hopefully you have seen the general service structure upside-down triangle. Your groups are at the top because the groups are the ultimate authority and decision makers in Alcoholics Anonymous. The district is the next level of communication where the group's voice is carried by each group's G.S.R. at the district meeting. The area (including the southern and northern committees) is the next level of communication where the G.S.R. also carries the voice of the group to the area assembly meetings. The general service conference is the annual meeting where the area delegate carries the voice of all the groups within an area. The general service conference is made up of the 93 area delegates, 21 trustees and general service office staff. These approximately 135 people represent the collective group conscience of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Your district may have standing committees, such as Public Information or Corrections. Standing committees are where much of the work is done to reach out the hand of A.A. Area 42 has standing committees where we coordinate with districts and groups to provide the services for each committee to the local community.

Additionally, the members of each standing committee should be familiar with the current issues that will be discussed at the general service conference, especially as they relate to their specific committee.

Here's an example of how general service can help reach the still suffering alcoholic. Last year our Delegate, Rhonda, received the complete list of agenda topics and asked each area conference committee to recommend topics for our area to hear about. Our Treatment and Accessibilities Area Conference Committee reviewed all items pertaining to their committee and their number one choice to be presented was Item B: *Consider adding a story from an A.A. member who is deaf to the pamphlet "Access to A.A.: Members Share on Overcoming Barriers."* . It was decided to be presented at the Southern roundtables in February. The G.S.R.s that were at the roundtables hopefully brought the information back to their groups.

So, what happens when a group discusses an agenda topic? It could be that the G.S.R. presents to the group what they heard at the presentation – the presentation plus feedback heard at the roundtables. Maybe the G.S.R. provides a copy of the written summary provided by the area conference committees, and perhaps a current version of the pamphlet. Then the members of the group have a thoughtful discussion. The one thing I am sure happened for all groups in Southern Nevada that discussed this agenda topic, is that they became more informed about the need to make A.A. accessible to the hard-of-hearing. Perhaps there were a few members who struggle with their hearing in the group, the group may have decided to bring in an ASL interpreter or at least be familiar with the closest ASL meeting. Or some members may become more aware and now speak louder and clearer for the person who is hard-of-hearing.

So, what happened with this agenda topic. First, the members of SAGSC supported adding a new story, then it was supported at the area assembly and passed at the general service conference. Now, there is a new version of the pamphlet containing Ashley's story. In Ashley's story, she talked about how her hearing, non-signing sponsor wouldn't let her give up and through informed group consciences, there are now ASL meetings daily in her community. The deaf community has grown in A.A because of the additional ASL meetings,. Her story goes on to talk about how important it is for the deaf to fully participate in A.A., including general service.

So how does your group contribute to the health and wellbeing of A.A.? As a G.S.R., are you bringing the agenda topics back for your group's voice? Do you have a well-informed group conscience? Have you followed through with what happened at the general service conference? If not, we are here to help.

I would like to close with a reading from the A.A. Service Manual, page S20 (By Bernard B. Smith, non-alcoholic, Chairman of the General Service Board and Conference 1951-1956): Why do we need a Conference?

“We may not need a general service conference to ensure our own recovery. We do need it to ensure the recovery of the alcoholic who still stumbles in the darkness one short block from this room. We need it to ensure the recovery of a child being born tonight, destined for alcoholism. We need it to provide, in keeping with our Twelfth Step, a permanent haven for all alcoholics who, in the ages ahead, can find in A.A. that rebirth that brought us back to life.

We need it because we, more than all others, are conscious of the devastating effect of the human urge for power and prestige which we must ensure can never invade A.A. We need it to ensure A.A. against government, while insulating it against anarchy; we need it to protect A.A. against disintegration while preventing over integration. We need it so that Alcoholics Anonymous, and Alcoholics Anonymous alone, is the ultimate repository of its Twelve Steps, its Twelve Traditions, and all of its service.

We need it to ensure that changes within A.A. come only as a response to the needs and wants of all A.A., and not of any few. We need it to ensure that the doors of the halls of A.A. never have locks on them, so that all people for all time who have an alcoholic problem may enter these halls unasked and feel welcome. We need it to ensure that Alcoholics Anonymous never asks of anyone who needs us what his or her race is, what his or her creed is, what his or her social position is.”

REGISTRAR: ANNE

Area 42 Registrar Report

Anne D.

SAGSC Report July 12, 2020

Hello, Area 42.

As I write this I am sitting in my home away from home office in Ely, Nevada - one of the United States's most remote communities because it sits about 240 miles from any major metropolitan area.

For the most part, I have been here since March when the COVID-19 virus caused the world to screech to a halt. I am so grateful for the internet and the smart phone. Virtual communication with all of you has saved my life again and again. You have kept me feeling a part of through our email communications, Zoom Assemblies and SAGSC meetings or texts, email inquiries and the occasional phone call. I've been to one live meeting here in Ely and conducted one long-timer interview for the Area 42 archives (a long-time passion project).

It is my honor to help you submit your group change forms to the General Service Office records department in New York. It is still about four months behind on those submissions. If you are a new GSR – thank you for your service – you can find a link to a document on aa.org that can help you download most of your GSR kit by searching for GSR kit on the site. I can help you find it if you would like.

The 111 of us who are waiting on the Brown Paper Tickets refund – please rest assured, I am still doing everything I know how to do to expedite the refund payment. BPT is located in Seattle. Most of its staff has been furloughed and the contact people I have access to have gone quiet. I will make sure you know more the second I do.

In the meantime, it is always my honor to help you with anything Area 42 registration.

Online registration will be switched to EventBrite for the Fall Assembly (Oct 16-18) in Tonopah. I will open it and send links when I get the go-ahead from the Area 42 Chair.

Please reach me with any questions.

Yours in love and service,

Anne D.

Area 42 Registrar

ALT-ARCHIVIST: GABRIEL

07/11/2020

Hi my name is Gabriel, I am the alternate archivist;

Since the pandemic started things have been going slow.

Work changed my schedule, different day off different hours of work.

If you want to join us Thursday and Friday at 9:00 am to 11:00 am.

Still working at central office, making some changes, trying to get everything finished before September. If you want us to bring archives to your district picnic or event let us know. We will be happy to bring archives to your event.

Thank you for letting me be of service

Lyle, AREA ARCHIVIST ATTENDING,

Central office has mentioned that they are looking for another location but they will include Archives. If your homegroup would like to provide the Zoom info for newcomers to find you along with a small letters as to how this has effected you we would appreciate it.

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON REPORTS:

H&I (HOSPITALS & INSTITUTIONS): ROBERT

SAGSC Meeting - Summer 2020

Committee Report

Las Vegas Hospitals & Institution

H&I Panel Status

WestCare Detox and Henderson Detention Center are the only two facilities allowing H&I panel participation.

**H&I Committee
Information
Workshops**

On hold

**H&I Committee
Donation Information**

Central Office will no longer accept donations for the H&I committee. Contributions to the H&I Committee can be made to:

Las Vegas Hospitals and Institutions Committee
3870 E Flamingo RD.
P O BOX A2- #405
Las Vegas, NV 89121

The following information should be listed on donation checks:

- Group Name
- Group Number (GSO 6 digits)
- Amount of donation
- Signature and,
- email address to receive a receipt.

Donations can also be made by picking up a self-address and stamped envelope from Central Office and mailing the donation to the above address for the H&I committee (please no cash), or by attending the H&I Business Meeting which is held at 6:00 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Central Office.

H&I Contact Information lasvegashandi@yahoo.com

GRAPEVINE: APRIL

Nothing to report

**CPC (COOPERATION WITH THE PROFESSIONAL COMMUNITY): LAURA
PI (PUBLIC INFORMATION): GEORGE**

CPC/PI REPORT TO SAGSC
July 12,2020

Hello all, I am Laura and I am an alcoholic. As CPC Chair I will be giving the report of the CPC/PI Committees. We, like everyone have been significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. All public events continue to be cancelled or have become virtual. As you may be aware, prior to Covid-19 we typically participate in 5-10 events per month. In addition our interaction with the professional community events have also been postponed or have become virtual events. We have continued to participate with our many community partners providers via Zoom meetings, and are ready and able to be upfront safely if/when public events begin.

We have joined a North America AA CPC group, which meets quarterly via Zoom. With that participation we have learned all CPC/PI committees are fully supported financially by their Areas for all committee functions and needs. We recently participated in a meeting and have learned new ideas for out-reach to professional communities and tools for tracking contacts. I am excited to report we have scheduled a Zoom presentation on AA with a group of Family Medicine Residents (MDs) from Sunrise Hospital this week.

In addition Public Information committee members have been very busy working on getting AA PSAs on the airwaves, both radio and television. A group is also organizing a process to get AA literature for teenagers into all the High school guidance counselors offices prior to start of fall semester. In addition discussing plans to get literature into private urgent care centers throughout the valley.

Prior to the pandemic the PI CPC committees did vote and approve to set up our own bank account and self-manage the contribution funds for our committees. However in our last committee meeting we discussed this option again, and agreed to hold off on opening a bank account . It is the hope of some committee members to get feedback from SAGSC body on our committees becoming fully funded by the Southern Area General Service Committee and forgo self- funding status. We hope to get that feedback ASAP.

We have both the CPC chair and Alternate chair positions coming available in January 2021. These are very important positions, and request the SAGSC body encourage someone to step into the valuable committee positions. And we are always welcoming volunteers. We are meeting monthly via Zoom.

Our Monthly meetings are the second Monday at 430pm. Next meeting is tomorrow July 13.

Zoom ID 889 0735 7523. Password :Serenity

Southern Area CPC/PI

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Laura R. CPC Chair George D. PI Chair

Laura R

CPC Chair.

INTERGROUP LIAISON: JASMIN

Jasmin, intergroup chair. Filling in. Voting in new liaison next meeting. Website 6,808 hits. Meeting list accessed 2054 times. PDF printable schedule 943 times. June income \$17,049.79. Expenses \$8634.42.

General account has \$35398.45

\$54,009.34 prudent reserve.

Group contributions were \$7,218.60

Zoom: \$854

Personal Contributions: \$1,959.97

Website button allows for contributions to go through easily. Meeting tomorrow and will get you a new rep.

LVYPAA (LAS VEGAS YOUNG PEOPLE IN AA) LIAISON: ANNA

Not Present, nothing to report

ACCESSIBILITIES: MATTIE

Not present, nothing to report

TRANSLATOR: TONY - DIANA

We need help! We are now a translation committee and we will be translating all of the reports. We need english to translate into english, and we need Spanish translators to translate english into Spanish. We Need help please!!!

Reminder, we are not professional translators, this is why we are asking for your reports so we can get them out to the Spanish community.

DCM REPORTS:

DISTRICT 1: LIBBY

Hello, my name is Libby and I have the honor of being the DCM for District 1, which covers Henderson, Searchlight, Boulder City and reaches down to Laughlin.

Meetings in the district are still mostly a zoom format but a small handful have returned to in person meetings. For the most part it seems it be zoom-ing. The District is still doing zoom for its meetings as well for the time being.

District 1 is going to decide come August if we are going to have our annual picnic or not. We are going to have a live workshop in August. We're calling it a Whoopee Party to celebrate the Joys of Sobriety. It will be on Aug 16th from 2 to 4pm, at the Lost & Found club in boulder City. Our beloved Alt. Area Chair Jake will be the speaker and MC. The workshop will include an open mic so everyone who wants can share their joy of sobriety as well.

And as a reminder District 1 will meet via Zoom on the 3rd Sunday in July at 10:30.

Thank you all for allowing me to serve.

DISTRICT 3: JASON

Hello my name is Jason and I'm an alcoholic. District 3 is financially solvent. We have one new GSR Bob D. from the Tuesday Grapevine meeting. We will be having a district meeting the first or second Saturday of August, depending on whichever allows for the most participation. If you are a member of district 3, and not on my email list, please send an email to district 3 email address district3@nevadaarea42.org so I can add you. Otherwise not much else to report expect we will be having elections after the fall area assembly, date to be determined.

Thank you for allowing me to serve!

Jason M.

DISTRICT 5B: RONNIE

SAGSC report for District 5B, July 12 2020

Hello everyone my name is Ronnie Dillion and I am an Alcoholic. My sobriety date is December 10, 1999.

Due to the COVID 19 pandemic we have had one Zoom Workshop and three district meetings on Zoom thus far this year. Lisa I. helped us and I was able to upgrade my personal account to host /co- host our district meetings until such time as we return to live meetings.

District 5B and LVPAA had our online workshop "How your group can reach out to the Alcoholic who still suffers" on June 13th. We had less than 50 attendees and as I was working I caught the last 15 minutes and heard our delegate Rhonda give an excellent talk on using online zoom to sponsor new comers and take them through the steps. We are grateful to all the people who helped with the workshop and those who were able to attend.

District 5B had our District meeting yesterday on Zoom. Our new business was how to honor the seventh tradition on online meetings, discuss the transition from online meetings back to live meetings, will groups have

an actual room to return to? Also we discussed how to help the newcomer at an online meeting get a big book, a sponsor and begin the 12 steps.

Financially the District is solvent but we have had little success and only a few contributions compared to last year at this time.

We as a District will continue to have a group conscience concerning returning to a live district meeting every month until we feel it is time to meet in an actual room.

District 5B has tried to carry the message and fulfil our primary purpose in these trying times. If nothing it has allowed us to be grateful that God will help us carry the message to the desperate and dying alcoholics we see every day in our travels. That we as a fellowship can bring match calamity with serenity. Thank you for listening.

DISTRICT 7: JEN

My name is Jen I am the district 7 DCM. I would like to report that due to the pandemic our in person events as of now have been postponed. BUT on August 16th District 7 will be hosting Life is a Beach and Zoomarama. It's will be held from 11:30-2 the code is 886-6738-8465 Password LVD7. This should be fun as there will be a panel and a play to go along with it. At our last district meeting we took a vote to send a contribution to a pie chart of the amount 5,000. Included in the chart was our rent at the serenity club, GSO, Area, and central office. We will be continuing our July meeting on zoom. Thank you everyone for your service throughout this tough time.

Thank you for my life,
Jen

DISTRICT 9: PAM

District 9 has started opening up some meetings, while others are still maintaining zoom for those uneasy or uncomfortable with going to meetings in person. Some meetings are doing both.

The Las Vegas Founder's Day Celebration held on 7/13/2020 at 6th and St Louis went well and was moderately attended. It was decided no particular group would put it on, so it was hosted by a "Group of Drunks". The banner that was made for the event was to be donated to the Intergroup Founder's Day Committee for future use, but it was thrown out because the opacity was wrong on the AA Logo and will have to be reprinted. A new one will be made and donated to the Intergroup in time for Founder's Day 2021.

Thank you for letting me be of service and continue to stay safe everyone.

Yours in love and service
Pam
DCM, District 9

DISTRICT 11: No report

DISTRICT 13: MATT
Not Present

DISTRICT 15: DAVE

No Report

DISTRICT 17: BUD

No Report

DISTRICT 19: Jim T

Not Dark, Anne D. has been participating in meetings there, they are getting some airtime to help alcoholics, and everyone should com up to Ely and visit!

DISTRICT 21: SAMUEL

Nothing new to report

OLD BUSINESS:

SAGSC INVENTORY

Marty:

Area Inventory

In the past many areas have conducted inventories to identify problems and shortcomings in order to improve their effectiveness. Jake, our SAGSC chair, felt it was time we conduct an inventory as well. Jake then reached out to members he felt would be of help in forming a committee. That would be Jonnel, April and myself.

The purpose of this inventory is to identify problems, barriers, and/or impediments in our Southern Area General Service Committee (SAGSC) structure.

The goals are to improve and enhance the General Service experience and to facilitate more comprehensive and timely communication between our groups. Successful outcomes of the goals will be achieved through informed GSRs (General Service Representatives), DCMs (District Committee Members), SAGSC Standing Committees and SAGSC Officers.

We ask that our DCMs bring this inventory to there districts and GSRs so that it may be discussed at district as well as group levels. Then return the responses in a timely manner. If you have not received the inventory please contact either Jake or Lisa.

We are setting a cutoff date of October 20th for the responses. This is so the committee can compile and review all the information then make suggestions based on the information received. Are there any questions?

Responses don't have to be in until after the area assembly. They can be filled out by everyone, individually, with your committee, your meeting, we want the input please. Educating the groups will solve all of our problems. Use your use Service Manuals. Diana would like to get a copy of the inventory to get them translated. Like where to find the information and who should be completing the inventory.

GUIDELINES ADHOC

Nothing to report yet

FINANCE COMMITTEE PROPOSAL

No new proposal and retracting proposal until other financial recommendations are considered.

NEW BUSINESS:

PI & CPC

HISTORY

In past the funding for committee **general service** work was shared by SAGSC and Intergroup. The funds have been for some time managed by Intergroup. And at one time there was a surplus that secondary to a large contribution made to SAGSC, some of which was distributed to committees and central,office. However about 3-4 years ago funds began to run short for the committees to purchase literature for public information events, and CPC events, so the committee adopted the H&I group contribution process and began collecting contributions via a Green Can. The committees essentially became self- funded. And for a while managed fine. In the last year 2019 the average contributions funds from groups and meeting averaged about \$165/mo (based on Intergroup financials) These contributions afforded the committees to do it work – which is the definition of **General Service**. It provided funds to purchase literature, printed meeting schedules, and supplies necessary for tables at Public, and Professional events. As many of you are aware the committees participated in 6-12 events per month. In the last few years we have highlighted the focus on the homeless and veterans. In addition, CPC events provided us with an opportunity to educate medical professionals, clergy, educators, human resource counselors, and/or behavioral health counselors on what AA is and how to help those in need. We self-funded our committee chairs travel to Area 42 assemblies and PRAASA events. Intergroup (Central office) managed the contributed funds, collecting the contributions from groups and meetings.

As you all must be aware- mid March 2020, the world as we know it changed. In April our remaining committee funds(approx. \$2300) was transferred to SAGSC. The committees **General Service** work also changed dramatically. The public and professional events were cancelled, and we had to find a new way get the word out. As you heard in our report we continue to be involved in reaching those in need. We are working on press releases, PSAs and outreach to venues. We are also reaching out to the professional communities with presentation offerings via zoom. However our ability to remain self- funded has also been significantly impacted. In our research with the North America AA CPC group and GSO, it was revealed that all CPC/PI business in other areas is fully supported by the Area and districts. No one we spoke with is self- funding their work through contributions collected at meetings. They are fully integrated into the structure of the area. Our question is “ *Is it possible to return to that model in our area?*”

Our SA guidelines specifically states-

I Purpose

A. To facilitate General Service work in the Southern Area 42...

IV B – Voting members of SAGSC..

...C – Committee Chairs

b) CPC

c) PI ...

VI FUNDING

F. All SAGSC officers, and standing Committee Chairs shall submit an annual budget, or estimate of their committee expenses.

The intent of the guidelines implies that all standing committees **general service** work will be supported financially by SAGSC. Now, obviously if funds are not available for distribution then all committee budgets need to be adjusted. Last year we did submit a budget to the finance committee for travel expense only, and there was great confusion as to whether we were eligible for those expenses to be reimbursed by SAGSC ,as we were seen as technically a self- funded committee and not a standing committee. However funding was approved if we did not have funds available.

It is our committee's request to find out how the body of the SAGSC feels about fully supporting the **general service work** of our vital committees going forward. Briefly our expenses on a monthly basis in 2019 was approximately \$145/mo for literature and supplies. In addition our averaged out travel for committee chairs to Area 42 assemblies and PRAASA about \$140/mo totaling an annual expense of approximately \$3420. However we project our literature expense will be significantly less this year and likely future years, as we have been forced to embrace the digital/virtual age. We are not asking for a commitment for any funds today, but we would like to poll the body of SAGSC on funding the full committee's **general service work** in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Questions?

Discussion on details and clarity of proposal. Already in the guidelines that we receive a financial request and if finance committee approves they receive funding. Just confusing because of the green cans caused an impression that they were self funding but not how the committee would prefer to operate.

THANK DISTRICT 21 FOR HOSTING

Our next meeting will be November 8th, second Sunday in November. Not sure if Zoom or Live. That will also be our election meeting for 2021.

CLOSE WITH RESPONSIBILITY DECLARATION

Approved November 2020

SAGSC
Preliminary Budget 2020

Budget to Actual 05/17/20			
Item	Description	Budget	Actual
Income:			
Checking Account			
	Contributions Income	\$12,320	\$5,319.66
	7th Tradition	\$650	\$258.00
	Savings Transfer	\$0	\$0.00
	Other Income	\$0	\$4,884.92
	Checking Account Subtotal	\$12,970	\$10,462.58
Savings Account			
	Interest Income Savings	\$1	\$0.18
	Savings Account Subtotal	\$1	\$0.18
	Total Income	\$12,971	\$10,462.76

Expenses:			
Delegate Expense			
		\$1,500	\$1,500.00
SAGSC Meeting Expense			
	SAGSC Meeting supplies	\$300	\$178.77
	SAGSC Meeting Rent	\$625	\$209.00
	SAGSC Meeting Expense Subtotal	\$925	\$387.77
Standing Committee Expense			
	Grapevine	\$450	\$0.00
	PI	\$0	\$0.00
	CPC	\$0	\$0.00
	IGR Liason	\$100	\$0.00
	Accessibilities	\$400	\$0.00
	Standing Committee Expense Subtotal	\$950	\$0.00
Tax Preparation			
		\$150	\$150.00
Bank Charges			
		\$50	\$4.00
Office Expense			
	Secretary	\$400	\$39.19
	Treasurer	\$300	\$17.89
	Po Box Expense	\$118	\$0.00
	Other Office Expense		
>	Chair Expense	\$50	\$0.00
>	DCM Training Expense	\$50	\$0.00
>	GSR Training Expense	\$50	\$0.00
	Office Expense Subtotal	\$968	\$57.08

Travel				Travel Funds not spent
	Officers to Assemblies	\$1,500	\$0.00	\$ 750.00
	Standing Committee Chairs to Assemblies	\$2,500	\$0.00	\$ 1,250.00
	DCMs to Assemblies	\$300	\$0.00	\$ 150.00
	GSRs to Assemblies	\$3,000	\$0.00	\$ 1,500.00
	Officers to PRAASA	\$4,410	\$1,974.96	\$ 2,435.04
	Standing Committee Chairs to PRAASA	\$3,675	\$780.39	\$ 2,894.61
	Travel Subtotal	\$15,385	\$2,755.35	
	Total Expenses	\$19,928	\$4,854.20	

Income vs Expense

	Budget	Budget
Total Income	\$12,971	\$10,462.76
Total Expense	\$19,928	\$4,854.20
Difference	(\$6,957)	\$5,608.56

Travel
Expenses not
used Spring
Assembly and
Praasa
\$ 8,979.65