

The Southern California Area
Of Alcoholics Anonymous
Area Committee Minutes
February 26th, 2006
Crescenta Valley Park
3901 Dunsmore Ave.
La Crescenta, CA 91214

Chairman Gustavo T. called the meeting to order at 9:00 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The Twelve Traditions were read in English by Aurilla of District 2.
The Twelve Concepts were read in Spanish by Arturo of District 55.

A.A. birthdays for the months of December, January, and February were recognized and applauded.

Chairman Gustavo T. adjourned the meeting at 9:10 a.m. to conduct the DCM/DCMC workshop, where much loving discussion took place until approx. 9:40 a.m.

Registrar Ben H. took roll:

13 DCMs/Alt DCMs
2 DCMCs
7 Officers
7 Committee Chairs
3 Past Delegates

12 Others

44 Total

Approval of the Area Committee Minutes of December 10th, 2005

Gordy H., Area Secretary, announced there were no minutes available today, and they would be available for approval at the next ACM.

Approval of the Agenda

There was a motion by Paul G., DCMC Westside Districts, to approve the day's amended agenda. Maggie, DCM 35, seconded. Discussion was called for and none offered. The agenda was approved, none opposed.

Officers' Reports

Registrar Ben H.: GSO accepted approx. 100 group changes recently. I plan on discussing their registration system at PRAASA. I will make sure everyone receives mail from GSO by adhering to their procedures.

Contributions Treasurer Marcus F.: (There was a motion from Marcus and a second from Mike P. to approve 2005 4th Quarter/Year End Contributions Report. There was no discussion. The question was asked, and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.)

Secretary Gordy H.: I am still working on where we will eat at PRAASA. In the future, I would like to have a sharing session between Area 5 and local Intergroups. If you have a contributions bucket, feel free to return what you receive to our contributions treasurer.

Accounts Treasurer Shami H.: I don't have the 2005 the 3rd Quarter and 4th Quarter Year End Financial Report today for approval. (Chairman Gustavo T. tabled the approval of the 3rd Quarter and 4th Quarter Year End Financial Report to the next ACM.)

Alternate Delegate Charlie W.: I recently talked about putting 2 bucks in the basket at January Assembly. It is up to the groups to discuss the 7th tradition. I picked up two dollar contribution pamphlets from LA Central Office. See me if you need some. I visited two Spanish Central Offices, as well as the 3rd Legacy meeting.

Delegate Jim W.: The conference agenda is out. I would like for each of you to help our process by providing a summary for the agenda items. (Jim assigned fellow members their agenda item to summarize.) PRAASA is next weekend and I encourage all to attend. District 33 has donated a box of Spanish literature for the New Orleans area, which I delivered to their local delegate. They were very happy to receive it. There are four Spanish groups in New Orleans, but they had never seen a service manual in Spanish, until District 33's contribution.

Chairman Gustavo T.: Thanks to District 2 for hosting. We attended the Four Area DCM Sharing Session. We had low attendance from our area. Thanks to all who helped host this event. The next host will be Area 9. We have fliers for our upcoming Pre-Conference Workshop. We encourage all to attend. Flavio has stepped down as PI chair. We will move to fill this position soon.

Presentation on the 2006 General Service Conference Agenda

Jim W., Delegate: I have distributed copies of the agenda today. I serve on the Finance committee. We will be discussing a

proposed tent card group treasurers will be able to use to discuss AA finances. There is a proposal to print an AA history book covering the last 50 years, as well as development of a 3rd edition of the Spanish Big Book. I will really be looking for your group conscience on all these items. Please attend the Pre-Conference workshop to discuss these items, and feel free to contact me directly with all questions. Note: the distributed info is not available for public dissemination, including internet.

New Business

Ad hoc Committee Report on Accessibility

Mary T., Chairperson: I was asked to chair this Ad-Hoc Committee on Special Needs and Accessibility, where we were asked to give a recommendation as to what the Area should do to address these concerns. We cannot recommend forming a standing committee on Special Needs and Accessibility, not based on need, but solely because there has been no participation. Our second recommendation is that there be a contact person for these issues for the Area, as there has been a lot of inquiries concerning special needs within our Area. We also would like to continue to meet as an Ad-Hoc committee to make further suggestions for projects to deal with these various issues.

Chairman Gustavo T. adjourned for a break at 11:07 a.m. and returned 11:22 a.m.

Unbudgeted Financial Requests

Marcus F. made a motion to reimburse \$70.00 to Mike P. and the Finance Committee for copying of the budget. Greg, DCM District 2, seconded. Discussion was offered, and there was no discussion. A vote was taken, and it passed unanimously.

Guidelines and Policies

Martha S., chair of the Guidelines and Policies committee, made a presentation and encouraged a discussion on how the Area will make changes to their guidelines in the future. Much loving discussion followed.

Good and Welfare

Attend PRAASA to gather info to supplement your summaries.

Chairman Gustavo T. accepted a motion from Jim to adjourn. Jose F. seconded the motion. We closed with the Responsibility Statement in English and Spanish at approx. 11:50 a.m.

Spanish Interpreters were Patricia and Edgar.

Special thanks to Scott for being the "Sound Guy".

Actual (reconciled) Refreshments – Income and Expense

Food Expenses	\$186.00 (Donated by District 2.)
Food Contributions	\$136.00
Net Income	\$136.00