

The Southern California Area
Of Alcoholics Anonymous
Area Committee Minutes
June 17, 2006
St. Martha's Episcopal Church
520 South Lark Ellen Ave
West Covina, CA 91791

Chairman Gustavo T called the meeting to order at 9:01 am with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer.

The Twelve Traditions were read in Spanish by Ezequiel of District 33.

The Twelve Concepts were read in English by Janice of District 4.

A.A. birthdays for the months of March, April, May and June 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:

10 DCMs/Alts

3 DCMCs/Alts

7 Officers

6 Committee Chairs

3 Past Delegates

16 Others

45 Total

Districts Unrepresented: 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 15, 17, 19, 25, 31, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 45, 46, 49, 55, 58

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

There was a motion by Gordy to table the approval of the minutes of the Area Committee Meeting from December 10th, 2005. Jim seconded the motion. The motion was approved by simple majority.

Approval of the Area Committee Minutes of February 26th, 2006

There was a motion by Jim I. to approve the minutes of the Area Committee Meeting on February 26th, 2006. Greg seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the question was asked. The motion was approved by substantial unanimity. Minority opinion was expressed. The chair said the motion stands.

Approval of the Agenda

A vote was taken to approve the day's amended agenda. By substantial unanimity, the agenda was approved.

Officers' Reports

Contributions Treasurer Marcus F: (There was a motion from Marcus and a second from Mike P. to approve 2006 1st Quarter Contributions Report. Discussion was called for, none offered. The question was asked, and the vote was unanimous. Motion passed.) The first quarter income was less than our projected figure. The bucket program has a positive effect.

Accounts Treasurer Shami H: The 3rd and 4th Quarter 2005 Reports were audited, so revisions are being made. These reports, along with 1st and 2nd Quarter Reports, will be submitted at the next Area Assembly.

Secretary Gordy H: No report.

Alternate Delegate Charlie W: I visited Central Office in May, did a Conference Report in May at Third Legacy Meeting. I also visited the Spanish H and I in San Bernadino, the Spanish Intergroup in Santa Barbara, the Spanish Convention in Ontario, District 13's Pancake Breakfast, and Foothill Roundup Planning Meeting. Committee Chairs should contact me to participate at Foothill. I also continue to visit the H and I Intergroup meetings. I listened to the Area 8 delegate's report in San Diego.

Delegate Jim W: The 56th General Service Conference was held April 23-28, 2006. I am available to come to any District or Home Group that would like a report or general sharing on AA Service. We have heard positive feedback on hearing from Delegates: Jerry, Bruce, and Vicki from Areas 8, 9 & 93 as well as Jim, past Pacific Region Trustee at our last Assembly.

The June-July Box 459 is out and both the Conference Advisory Actions and Additional Consideration are printed in their entirety. The final Conference report will be available in late summer. Voluntary contributions in January and February were almost 16% ahead of budget.

The Conference Committee on C.P.C. is looking for Area CPC Committee feedback on the following: A.A. booths and A.A. volunteers at professional conferences, the training of AA volunteers who work at the booths, for possible inclusion in the *CPC Workbook*. Please consider

sending us:

Volunteer guidelines and/or suggestions
Agendas of training sessions/workshops for volunteers
Photos of local AA booths
Examples of signage used at AA booths (for example, "A.A. as a Resource for Professionals" or "Helping You Help Others")

As you may remember, an Additional Consideration coming out of the 2006 Conference Committee on Trustees was:

"The committee discussed the option of having a Class B trustee serve as Chairperson of the General Service Board, and requested that additional relevant background be gathered and reported to the 2007 Conference Committee on Trustees, to include specific questions raised by the 2006 Conference Committee on Trustees."

Would you take an opportunity sometime in the coming months to gather a group conscience of your Groups and Districts regarding the option of having a Class B trustee serve as Chairperson of the Board?

There will be a Class A Trustee opening after the 2007 General Service Conference. The AA Grapevine has a vacancy for a Non-trustee Director of the AA Grapevine Board in 2007. I will be at the Pacific Region Forum, June 23-25, in Seattle.

Chairman Gustavo T: The Spanish Districts will be participating in the Foothill Roundup by hosting two meetings. The La Vina Committee participated at the Spanish State Convention in Ontario.

Registrar Ben H: All GSRs need to be registered 72 hours before the Election Assembly in October.

Class B Trustee Conference Topic Report

Jim W. asked that a flyer be distributed to GSRs regarding the Class B Trustee issue, see above, requesting group consciences be taken throughout the Area on this issue. Questions and answers followed.

Finance Chair Report

I'm analyzing the situation at the last Assembly where the Spanish Inter-districts paid for the food. Committee chairs need to submit their 2007 budgets in two weeks. We met recently to review our guidelines concerning the internal audit the Area may conduct of its finances. According to our guidelines, two or more members of the Finance Committee are directed to conduct this audit. But what is our criteria for membership on the Finance Committee? (Discussion followed.)

New Business

Approval of the 2007 Area Calendar

A motion was made to approve the 2007 Area Calendar by Tom. The motion was seconded by Richard. Discussion ensued. The question was asked, and a vote taken. The motion passed by substantial unanimity. Minority opinion was called for, none offered. Motion stands.

Good and Welfare

We are still short for paying our food today. We will pass the can again.

June 2006 is Gratitude month at the LA Central Office.

Please get your articles and content into the SCAAN editor by July 15.

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

Spanish Interpreters were Patricia and Carmen.

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

Actual (reconciled) Refreshments – Income and Expense

Food Expenses	\$127.10
Food Contributions	\$173.07
Net Income	45.97