

August 6th District 23 GSR Meeting

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1). The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer by: Matt

2) GSR Preamble-Read by-Liz

3). Welcome New GSRs

New: (Alternate GSR- Matt) Goleta Sunday Night Speaker- Sunday 8:00 p.m.

4) Approval of Minutes: APPROVED

5) Treasurer-Jim S (Newly elected) Marta (Acting Treasurer) treasurer@ccaadistrict23.com

(See Treasurer's Reports from Jim and Marta and Officers minutes August 1st)

Marta started the treasury report by reviewing and explaining her spreadsheet to the GSRs who were present at the meeting. At the present time Marta is continuing to assemble the monthly treasurer report and make deposits and withdrawals for District 23's operating expenses with the current bank account number. The reason for the layover in this transition is the new Treasurer Jim is in the arduous process of creating a new bank account for District 23, which will assure that as a non profit business entity we will remain autonomous in all our business affairs in adherence to our 12 Traditions. This came to our attention in transferring this officers position when Marta discovered that we have been sharing the same Tax ID number with Central Office and H & I. (Refer to last July's Officer Minutes and GSR Committee meeting minutes)

In Marta's report she pointed out that she had created a new feature in her spreadsheet to display how we are handling our 7th tradition in response to the new budget agreed upon last month. This budget sets aside funds for predicted monthly Priority Service expenses in addition to provisioning specific percentages of remaining funds for Special Service events. Outstanding or allocated costs have not been paid yet but have been put aside for the above named purposes.

At this time Mara presented a visual aid (Savings Pie Chart) submitted at previous months GSR meetings for any new members or GSRs so they could gain a better understanding of how we are adhering to our new budget goals in regard to Priority Service expenses while at the same time providing a means of accumulating necessary monies for upcoming service events in AREA 93 and our own District (*Mileage reimbursement for Area Assemblies, PRASSA, 2008 GSO Pre-Conference Topics and Questions, and Delegate Report back Day*).

A) Approval of Fees to file Fictitious Business Name Motioned on by group:

Jim stated to the group from his report what the costs would be for filing a new fictitious business name with the County Recorder, in addition to running this name as required in a local newspaper once a week for four weeks. In order to accomplish this, the total cost would be \$88.00 (\$49.00 for publishing costs and \$39.00 for the filing fee. Filing fee is \$39 for one person and additional person who will be the Treasurer. The DCM will be the primary registrant with this business name with the County Recorder.) Jim suggested that this entire process be recorded in the (GAP), District 23 Guidelines and Policies, to avoid confusion when the Treasurer's chair rotated in the future. He asked the group to motion on the expenses he would encounter doing this. The GSR agreed to the costs and the motion was passed unanimously.

Jim explained to one member why the bank require additional documentation to be scanned and attached to the bank account and why it is important for District 23 to do this to maintain financial autonomy.

B) Approval of Fictitious Business Name:

In addition Jim stated that we would need to motion on what our new fictitious name would be. At the last officers meeting we agreed on [Central California GSR District 23](#) which Jim had suggested since it delineates us from *District 23s* in other states and also from AREA 93 which we are a part of yet we are autonomous in our finances.

This was put to the floor to be motioned on and was approved by the GSRs.

Don the Literature person wanted to emphasize we contact all individual AA groups regarding the fictitious business name change so they would know who to make out their checks to in contributing to District 23. Brian suggested that groups abbreviate the name on the checks to CC GSR District 23 since banks allow this and it would eliminate any potential for error.

6) DCM Report- Mara R. (Refer to Officer's minutes for August 1st) dcm@ccaadistrict23.com

At one point in the meeting Mara made sure to mention to the members of the group that the next AREA Assembly will be on August 19th in Oxnard and that it was a great opportunity for GSR to attend an AREA service event since it is so close to our city. She asked any members of the groups to raise their hands if they were able to provide rides to GSRs or any other AA members interested in attending this event. If you have any extra space in your car for future AREA Assemblies or need a ride to one of these events please email Mara at dcm@ccaadistrict23.com or phone her at 403-0487. Please check the AREA 93 website www.ccaarea93.com for any other upcoming events, agendas and maps.

A) Review Guidelines for # of Big Books to be kept in Prudent Reserve

In accordance with our current guidelines, the District has been purchasing a case of Big Books (20) to be kept in prudent reserve until these run out at which time another case has been ordered. These books are provided by the District for small or struggling groups that cannot afford to buy them with the limited funds in their 7th Tradition. As of late we have not been distributing as many books as we were in the past. Our Literature Chair had suggested that we review this guideline. Don brought to the attention of the group that in his opinion from current literature requests that we keep 5 Big Books in prudent reserve and replenish it by buying additional copies from Central Office whenever it drops below 5 copies. Mara mentioned that there is a markup at Central Office from the GSO price. Don mentioned that there is now a shipping and handling cost from GSO. In response to a question from a GSR, Mara stated that the Big Book guideline is not written in our current GAP, but that once the GSRs had voted on this issue it would be included in District 23 Guidelines Initially in 1990 we were more aggressive in donating BB's by putting fliers out and having GSRs ask groups if they needed Big Books. At the end of the discussion the group motioned that the quantity of Big Books in Prudent Reserve will be left to the discretion of the Literature Chair depending on the demand for them from groups in the district. [This motion passed](#)

B) Do the GSRs approve giving master of Passing It On for Central Office?

Mara explained that Central Office had requested that District 23 allow Central Office to download the master of this Archives piece to their computer. It would be password protected and she had received their promise it would not be altered in any way from its current format. It was explained to one member that Passing it On is a document published by District 23 that reviews the history of AA in Santa Barbara and is directly associated and managed by the Archives Chair. [The motion to provide the master of Passing it On to Central Office was approved.](#) This was done to cut down coping costs since in past years we were supplying 100 pamphlets for the annual AA Convention.

7). Registrar- Gil E. registrar@ccaadistrict23.com

Gil asked the GSRs if they had all received the this months Registrar's report via email.

He once again mentioned to the GSRs that he always can use help keeping his files of registered Groups up to date by volunteering to take packets/envelopes he brings to every GSRs meeting out to Groups.

They include all the information those groups will need such as AA conference approved service pamphlets and material that explain more about the service structure of the Fellowship, and how GSO, AREA 93, and our District 23 all maintain communication and keep in contact with each individual registered group in order to maintain shared information our Unity which in turn makes sure their voice is heard. Also included is a return mail envelope with a mailing label that has our District 23 P.O. Box number.

As usual Gil reminded the GSRs when signing in there is a space for you to put any new information or updates on your Group, (new location, time, or day etc.) or you can email him at the District 23 website at registrar@ccaadistrict23.com or phone him at 403-0578.

8) Committee Chair Reports

A) Special Events - (OPEN)

Mara contacted the Santa Barbara School District and got information regarding the cost of putting on an AREA Assembly in Santa Barbara sometime in November either at Mckinley School or La Cumbre Middle School. The cost estimates were vague because there was question as to how many staff hours we would need to pay for custodial and kitchen staff. The maximum hours would put these locations out of the Area 93 maximum for rent. At the present time there are no definite plans or sites for having an Assembly but Mara would continue to pursue any leads on feasible locations that fit into Area 93 budget requirements.

B) Website-Gil webmaster@ccaadistrict23.com

Gil asked everyone if they had gone to the new District #23 Website and tried all the pages, links, buttons plus the new E-mail Aliases to see if every thing is working ok.

At the present time Kelly is still assisting and training Gil in maintaining changing and updating the District 23's Website including the aliases E-mails.

Gil announced that he completely converted all the documents on the Website from Microsoft Word documents to Adobe PDF files, He also added a link to the District #23 Page that allows anyone who doesn't have Adobe Acrobat to go to their site and download the reader .

He said he will soon be adding a new link on our District #23 page which will let everyone get information about **PRAASA (Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly)** what it is and what happens at that event, which takes place every year. The next PRAASA will be in March in Anchorage Alaska in 2008.

One members thanked Gil and Kelly for updating the site so that all documents posted at the District 23 website can now be viewed via PDF files for those who do not have MS Word software on their computers.

C) P.I. / Audio Visual-Joanne pi@ccaadistrict23.com

Joanne attended the PACT meeting today that is set up by the Police and Corrections Team. She let the group know that she has plenty of packets for the next three PACT meetings through November.

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Joanne also announced that she always **needs volunteers** to help her pin up AA tear off fliers at laundry mats that have Central Office's phone number on them. One member asked if these AA Public Information fliers can be put up at kiosks at local campuses. This is allowable provided that you receive prior permission from the Santa Barbara City College or UCSB Administration Offices.

She wanted to remind the GSRs that she has in her possession all the GSO approved VHS **films** such as **"Bill's Own Story"** and **"Bill W. Discusses The 12 Traditions"** Any AA group that wants to put on a special presentation of one of these films and see our Co- Founder Bill W. pitch in person please email Joanne at the District 23 website or call her at 564-2484. Joanne has served as our Public Information Chair for almost two years and asks anyone who is interested in taking over this chair to contact her (soon) so they can get an orientation from her about the service work she has been providing for AA in the community.

D) CPC Naima cpc@ccaadistrict.com

Naima said she is still familiarizing herself with CPC service duties. At present she is communicating with the former CPC Chair Gil and is reading over the GSO Service Manual for CPC. She took on this Chair last month and will have a report for the group next month. Thank you Naima!

E) Archives-(OPEN)

F) Grapevine-Jennifer (absent) grapevine@ccaadistrict.com

Jennifer sent out an email of her report that will be available to the GSRs. The Grapevine Committee was to take place on August 2nd but she has decided to postpone this event until she can contact the registered GV Reps via email so she can hopefully get a better turnout. In addition fliers will be distributed to GSRs via email and in hard copy to groups so they can contact her with any questions about becoming a Grapevine Representative and what the agenda will be for the upcoming GV Committee.

G) Literature Don literature@ccaadistrict.com

Don is always in need of **volunteers** to distribute AA literature and pamphlets at numerous facilities in District 23.(New House III, Alano Club& Zona Seca) As mentioned earlier the GSRs motioned to leave it to the discretion of the Literature Chair as to how many Big Books will be kept in prudent reserve. Don did announce to the group that he had purchased five Big Books to restock prudent reserve and that they are now available to AA groups that are unable to purchase this essential tool in our recovery. Don also mentioned that he did give away one Big Book to an AA meeting held at Friendship Manor in Isla Vista. In addition he purchased four packs of Meeting Guides at \$10.00 which are always in demand. To help us determine our budget costs Don estimated that the Big Books would probably last for three months and the Meeting Guides for two months Don asked the group if he could be reimbursed for the cost of the BB's and Meeting Guides. This cost was already approved as projected literature expense for August

Don is also our AREA 93 Audio Visual Chair. He wanted to remind all the groups in District 23 that he has all the equipment and tapes necessary if they wish to present a GSO approved AA film. Please contact Don or Joanne by email at the District 23 website www.ccaadistrict23.com if you have any inquiries.

H) Accessibilities and Special Needs- David (ABSENT)

I) Central Office Liaison- Brian B centraloffice@ccaadistrict23.com

I G Rs are considering having an end of the year fundraiser. At the IGR meeting Brien makes available our District #23 7th Tradition contribution disbursement sheet fliers, which explain the importance of GSR service work and how our District #23 Groups 7th Tradition contribution is used in carrying out the primary purpose of our Fellowship.

He also brings up to the IGRs the importance of having a GSR for their group because it gives them a voice in AA as a whole. Brian reiterated that The Messenger (Central Offices Monthly Newsletter) is continuing to run a piece on the responsibilities and service activities each Chairperson carries out for District 23 to bring attention to general service in AA. He presented a draft for our review that listed which District 23 Chair would be featured in The Messenger from month to month. Brian organized this sequential list of monthly general service pieces to correspond to District 23 Special Events that are taking place during that month. District 23 is thankful for the considerate inclusion in the newsletter that focuses attention on general service activities taking place at the same time of the publication.

J) Young Peoples Liaison- (OPEN) sbpaa@ccaadistrict23.com

K) H & I Liaison (OPEN) handi@ccaadistrict23.com

9) Old business- NONE

10) New business and Birthdays (SEE DCM AND TREASUERS REPORT)

Birthdays

Mara 27 Years, Marta 8 Years And Naima for 3 Years

Congratulations and many more days!!!! Thank you for being there, for us, and for AA as a whole.