

October 5 2009 District 23 GSR Committee Meeting Minutes
District 23 AA website: www.ccaadistrict23.com

Meeting opened 6:15pm
Earl read GSR preamble

New District 23 Webmaster Volunteer David S. Introduced

Chester need a service manual

Recorder position still open: Chimene took minutes for the meeting

Minutes from September 7th GSR meeting approved as is

Treasurer Report- Jim S

- Donation received from a group (Shaelya M) will be credited to the Serenity Sisters Meeting
- \$240 spent on back issues of the Grapevine
- Negative events (\$73.85) will be kept as a negative as per the Officers Meeting
- \$2,847.64 bank balance
- Budget will be discussed as new business

DCM Report- Don

- Events Calendar
- Facilities meeting cancelled for month of October
- Area Committee Meeting (Area 93 Officers Meeting) DCM, Alt DCM and Area Chair to attend, District 23 will provide coffee and refreshments.
- Next Public Information (PI) meeting October 20th
- Santa Barbara Convention October 23-25, 2009, District 23 will have two tables for the Archives, Grapevine, and PI committee displays. Volunteers must be registered
- 75th AA International Convention San Antonio, TX July1-4 2010 registration forms available in Spanish and English
- Ad Hoc Committee to increase GSR participation will kick in next month
- Guidelines and Policies (G&P) need to be revised in order to create and Ad Hoc Committee
 - Side note- Facilities Committee is a new committee and is not listed in the G&P
- September Messenger blurb deadline missed
- Area Assembly November 15th in Oxnard
- Meeting minutes amended with type-o's, but not re-distributed
- Questionnaire for AA groups (Area Archives)
- Open Committee chair, Website (Don is acting chair for now)

Registrar-John R

- GSR remember to sign in
- New registration will be sent to Area 93 Registrar Chair who will send the information to New York

Committee Reports

Accessibilities- Melody

- No report

- Working on a flier for Rest homes
- Question: Have any Accessibilities requests come in via the Central Office yet? – No.

Archives-Chimene

- No Report, seeking volunteers to staff the Archive display at the convention

Central Office Liaison- Matt

- No Report –
- Question: Is the Accessibilities connection working OK? Yes, if requested, they will contact Accessibilities Chair (Melody)

CPC (Cooperation with the professional Community)

- Health & Fitness Expo at SBCC December 5th need a volunteer to contact Health & Fitness to see if AA presence is wanted
- Question: Lauren asked about a “SB City College” meeting and is it happening? No answer but referred to the SB Meeting Guide?

Facilities- Earl

- See his report, date is incorrect on printed copy
- Need volunteers desperately
- Next meeting 1st Wednesday in November, a great way to enhance your sobriety
- A suggestion noted to create a sign-up sheet style to get more volunteers, but Earl has not because it is too hard to manage.

Grapevine- Katie

- Emailed report late, correct date on the printed copy
- Purchased \$240 worth of Grapevine back issues
- Conducting a Grapevine raffle at the off Center Meeting
- Found a location for the Grapevine Meetings
- Suggestion from Earl: Making a business type card with contact information to give to Group GV Reps.

H&I Liaison- (Open Chair)

- Meets 2nd Monday of the month at Central Office 6pm
- DCM stressed the importance of the position to connect with the locked down facilities
- Past 2 months one else has attended the meeting

Literature/Audio-Visual – Stephan

- Needs a few more volunteers
- Transition House would like Spanish Literature and will be serviced by the committee
- New locate, New Beginnings Counseling Center now getting a literature rack from new Volunteer Cathy.
- Request from Facilities for another racks at All Star House. “Committee will provide All Star House with a Literature Rack” However, it was later noted that this addition was maybe not OK’d by the GSR’s. Therefore a new motion was brought forward to OK this addition. Seconded and Passed.
- Stephan mentioned that committee would like to allow different chairpersons and others be allowed to purchase directly from Central Office to avoid confusion. But Stephan tabled this motion till next month.

- Jim mentioned that the above issue was not a budgeting issue IF the purchases were documented as to which committee it was for. But he raised concerns that if too many people were OK'd to invoice the literature, there would be a lot of confusion as to what the expenses were tied to. And the invoicing process at C.O. would be hard

PI (Public Information) (Open chair) Don H acting Chair

- Meets the 3rd Tuesday 6pm Central Office
- See PI Report - Prioritizing existing projects
- 1st Project:
 - Hotel Meeting guides meeting project, Melody volunteered to draft & format the letter which will include a meeting guide Initial budget \$60
 - Motion to fund the \$60 - Seconded and PASSED
- 2nd Project:
 - Create a service display for the district. Specifically for the upcoming convention, but for future displays, meetings, and GSR reports.
 - District 23 Service Display created by previous DCM is located in Don's garage
 - Motion to allocate \$75 to get the display projects funded. - Seconded and PASSED
- Need feedback on these PI projects.
- Q. What about the Bus placards project? A. Is 4th on the priority list.
 - Anyone who would like to see the above or any other project raised up, please come to the committee and we can consider it.
- Any ideas please email PI Chair: Don H , but it is desirable to attend the meeting in order to participate and vote in the committee.
- Jim mentioned that these projects are valuable and exciting because this is where the action happens.

Special Events Chair (Open chair)

Santa Barbara Convention is the only event

Website

- David S is the new webmaster

Old Business

Consent Agenda, tabled for next month Marcus was not present

New Business

- Jim, budget changes, budget vs. actual for a 6 month period
- Looking for ways to simplify the budget taking the percentages out (the savings pie), and submit as a regular budget item.
- The officers would like to change to the budgetary methods we use in the Area. Using an annual budget and not use the "savings pie" method currently in use.
- This method will simplify the process, and allow the treasurer's commitment
- Comment (Earl): Going to 1 year budget seems like a long time and does the 6 mo. Length allow more flexibility?
- Jim: The budget is a guideline, when things outside of the budget come up, then motions can be brought to the GSR's for approval on a case-by-case basis.
- Don comment: Brought arguments up pros and cons. (also see the last Officers meetings minutes)
- Matt: Will there be a "contingency fund"? Ans. No
- Matt: Will the budget continue to balance to zero every month? Ans. No

- Motion brought forward:
 - Move the budget method to the Area Committee model of annual (12 mos.) budget for each committee.
 - Remove the savings pie method.
 - Include the existing “savings pie” sections (PRAASA, etc.) as line items in the annual budget.
 - Change the fiscal year to calendar year (Jan. 1 through Dec. 31).
 - Update the Guidelines and Policy and Treasury Procedures -- Motion passed

- Motion to purchase a digital voice recorder (\$40) -- Motion passed.

Announcements

- Spanish version of PRASSA is October 11th in Arroyo Grande

- No AA birthdays

- Next meeting November 2nd , 2009

- Meeting adjourned 7:45pm

- Recorded by Chimene