

1. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 6:03 by Bob
2. GSR Preamble - Kristin
3. Welcome New G.S.R.s:
 - New: Katherine from KCB group
 - Josh from Junk Yard Dogs
 - Jennifer from Women by the Book
 - Kristin alternate from Tues. Night Question and Answer
 - Chimene from Serenity Sisters
 - Visitors: Alan from literature committee, Bob visiting from KCB group, Paul visiting from Mesa singleness of purpose group, Liz from KCB group,
4. Review January minutes: Brian motion to approve
Minutes approved
Karen is moving out of town and so has to give up her commitment as Recorder.
If anyone is interested, please let Mara know.
5. Treasurer (See report): treasurer@ccaadistrict23.com
 - Rick** gave Mara paper work to add Mara and Rick on account and remove Gil and Marta. Rick will be traveling a lot this next year and asked if anyone was interested in taking the position. If no one is he will continue to handle the position and be present whenever he is in town.
 - Jennifer:** Do we have any guidelines as far as for the officers?
 - Mara:** yes – I can email Treasurer and Recorder guidelines that we put together for Decembers elections.
 - Mara:** Be thinking about the treasurer position as well as the recorder position. I guess we'll wait on the treasurer's report then since Marta is not here yet.
6. DCM Report: (see officers minutes) DCM@ccaadistrict23.com
 - Mara:** Take a minute to look over the minutes from January 31st. Does anyone need any more time to look over those?

A) Discussion re: January Area Assembly

I mentioned some things that I was there at the Assembly for. But also Jim, Don, David, Martha and Sheila were there. Is there anything else you all would like to share?

Jim: It was my first Area Assembly and it was really an amazing time. I had a chance to sit in with the Literature Committee. It was more of an intro thing, but we exchanged emails and it was a good time.

David: Yeah, it was my first too and it was good. I encourage people to get a hold of the AA flow chart to see how things work. It's just an amazing thing to see how nobody is at the top.

Mara: We can get you copies of that and you can also find it on the new website.

Katherine: Am I going to get new GSR Info?

Mara: you'll get stuff from Gil and I but you will also get some information in the mail from General Service.

Martha: One thing that's really neat about the Area Assembly is there's a GSR sharing group and you can talk about your sorrow about the apathy from everyone else in AA...I mean it was really nice.

Mara: It's nice to be in a room where everyone is in General Service. I also wanted to mention that the Alternate Delegate Alberto is looking for presenters. He's looking for people who are willing to present on topics that are coming up for the conference. I don't know which topics you would get, but if there is anything you need to know then they give you that, or it might just be experiential. Jennifer has made herself available. We would also be happy to help you too. I'd be happy to sit down with anyone.

Gil: When it gets down to presentation questions from the conference itself, it seems strange not to know what you're going to present until after you say you would like to be a part of. but because I know from several experiences with them and what happened for me the last time I said yes a few years ago. Yes I was worried about what I was going to get as a presenter but I ended up getting the main Topic Question of the Home Group and it was the easiest one in the world. I really highly recommend saying yes to doing it and try it if you're interested. It's a good experience.

Mara: So if anyone is willing please let me know. They tend to prefer people who haven't done this before.

B) Discussion re: Funds for March Events

Mara: I looked at this as a little 10th step.

I'm passing around our inventory of our current funds and our goals for the next 2 months. We do not have an abundance of money as we have in the past at this time of year. March is a really happening time for us, there's PRAASA and the Conference. Let me explain the Conference: AA as a whole takes it inventory once a year and the members of AA generate a list of questions and topics, they go to General Service and they put it back out to the fellowship. And AA as a whole needs and wants as many people as possible to share their experience strength and hope by answering the questions, The more thorough, the more members it gets out to, the more informed and better it is. It is our goal to get it out to as many members in our district as possible, then get it back to our delegate, Debbie, by mid April so she can take it back to New York where she will share with the rest of the Delegates from the US and Canada in NY.

In May we will get a report back from Debbi telling us what happened at the conference. That's what the conference is. In the past we've had 3 events:

One of us is sent to PRAASA where everyone in the Pacific Region 11 states gets together and shares about these topics.

We also do a Local District 23 Pre-Conference Workshop called a Free Food and Refreshment Day where District #23 members can meet and give their feed back by sharing their experience Strength and Hope about all the Topics and Questions

Then a week after that is the 2 day Conference Topic Questions Workshop plus Area Assembly where all the AREA shares.

So the problem is funding all that. In the past we've had the money and it hasn't been a problem. But what's happening now is if you look at the top of this inventory sheet, at the Officers Mtg. we had \$408. We're going to have to reimburse some \$124 in mileage to GSRs who attended the Jan. Assembly, \$50 for copying agendas, \$50 for literature, and that leaves \$184 cash on hand. To send Sheila it will cost at least \$500 for flight, registration, Hotel and copies. As you can see there is just no way. We're way under that...we need \$560 minimum.

But, what we can do is on March 10th our District #23 Pre-Conference Workshop Day which will be \$110, and on March 17th do the 2 day AREA 93 Pre Conf. Workshop and Assembly for \$69 for each room, and about \$52.40 per car for mileage. So I'm asking what your consensus is. Looking at our funds I guess PRAASA is out. I've been informed we do have \$211 coming in from the Convention but I'm not sure when we will see those funds come in

David: I'm probably speaking out of line, but I know that Sheila's Home Group has a lot of money above their prudent reserve and is looking for a way to donate it. I can bring it up at the next business meeting, 2 Sunday's from now. She's the GSR for that group.

Mara: Okay but that would have to be up to you as a member and not as a GSR it would have to be separate from us, as a service Committee

David: I meant them kicking a donation to the district.

Mara: It would be more appropriate if they want to send her to PRAASA as their GSR than for them to send us funds specific to send her.

Gil: There is a split between Service Structure and Group. They choose how they spend their donations. the District does not ask for or interfere with the way they allocate their funds by fund raising for events. If the Group has an abundance of funds to donate it's Group conscience decides which service entities it goes to. But the District cannot accept earmark money funds from a Group since it donates to District 23 projects not for a single one or a single GSR etc The donation is to the District for the District to spend accordingly. If the Group decides individually to fund and send their GSR to PRAASA they could do that also, But we have nothing to do with that, except to give that person the information to take.

Rick: I think it would be best to make a savings program, so that a certain amount each month was allotted to go into each month so that next year we will definitely be able to send someone to PRAASA. I could set the money aside each month for PRAASA.

Mara: I think that would be a good idea are you making a motion?

Rick: So money would be saved each month strictly for that purpose. I would like to motion that we set aside each month a certain amount for PRAASA. We need to determine how much each month. How many months do we have left?

Kristen: At \$10 a week, that's \$40 a month that would give us \$520

Rick: I motion that we set aside \$50 each month

Jim: Second

Marcial: There are other things that we also have planned every year. If they all cost money we should bundle it all together so we don't end up pulling money from the PRAASA account. Set aside a sufficient amount of funds for all of it, not just PRAASA.

Mara: So you're saying we need to change our prudent reserve?

Marcial: This is more budgeting than prudent reserve.

Jennifer: So what that would mean is we'd have to pick which things we want to be able to do for the next year, as far as saving money for it.

Marcial: So do you have a general idea how much we'll need to set aside for each event?

Mara: Area Assembly mileage and /or hotels, The Forum is about \$500

Gil: PRAASA is every year, the Pacific Regional Forum is every other year both are held somewhere within the 11 states of the A.A.s Pacific Region so can be held in any of those such as Hawaii, Alaska the Yukon Territory etc, we were extremely fortunate that the last 2 years PRAASA had been held here in CA. But the Forum hasn't been that is why we weren't able to have the funds available for the last Forum

Marcial: So we'd be putting into the reserve another \$500 every 2 years for the Forum. So are there any other events besides this one.

Mara: The DCM sharing session which is usually held in LA would be the only other one.

Brian: If we decide on a fixed amount, if we don't have any income for the next 2 months then we'd hit our prudent reserve. I'd suggest a certain percent above our prudent reserve each month that would go into the event fund. I also think we should put a cap on that event fund.

Mara: So a percentage above our prudent reserve being set aside each month up to \$1000.

Rick: Can you tell me why the Forum is an important pipeline?

Mara: It's the whole Pacific Region getting together to meet face to face with GSO staff which come out to us to get and share all our experience strength and hope about AA as a whole as well as other Topics and Questions. There is no registration fee to attend. Travel and Hotel costs of the individual member is funded by the District. The staff come and present information as well as seek new Questions and Topics for the future, plus you can meet with them one on one to share knowledge regarding specific questions about the service structure or AA as whole. Similar to PRAASA but its not connected with the Conference and those Questions specifically.

Marcial: It would be \$750 since the Forum is only every 2 years.

Mara: What Brian was talking about was not a specific amount each month, but a fixed percentage of our funds above the prudent reserve.

Marcial: I'm not sure that's how the funds work. The prudent reserve is \$60 then we have an allocation. above that we have expenses that we are in discretion to spend or not spend. I think that would be the thing that would change since we already had a prudent reserve and budgeted events. If we don't have the money to go to an event, then we wouldn't have the money.

Mara: We're not talking about the prudent reserve. We're talking about an amount above and over our prudent reserve. So if we have a low month we wouldn't be able to set aside the money if we didn't have it.

Gil: If a percentage method is used It would work similar to the pie charts in our 7th Tradition pamphlet handed out to the Groups to allocate per their own Group Conscience. By choosing a percentage of our funds available each month the amount could change less or more but still an amount of funds would be available to save for the PRAASA and Forum.

Marcial: So you would not know if we could get there or not.

Mara: Yes, but its moving in the right direction. Plus we could see where we stand each month for them

Rick: Can we keep this simple, if we at least propose that \$75 be allocated with approval, we can make it adjustable by the treasure if we need to, but that way its just a simple deal.

Marcel: I think that if we just set a target, fine if we have the money we put it in, if we don't, we don't. Then the treasurer can decide if we have the money we can put some in, if we don't he wont.

Jennifer: So what I'm hearing is that it would be a percentage each month with the cap of \$75?

Kristin: What happens if for 4 months we can't afford to put money in, then 1 month we have an overflow of funds?

Rick: We get to PRAASA if we start saving money, we can adjust it as needed. My experience is so far that it shouldn't be a problem to keep our budget and make our allocation.

Mara: Have you amended your motion?

Rick: The amendment would be to set aside \$75 in our account each month and if there is a problem it can be amended by the GSR group if funds are short.

Jennifer: Is this a situation where we may need to get more information and revisit this topic? As far as if that will have an affect on anything else.

Martha: I'm thinking that it will be brief for Rick to say – here's the treasurers report, this month we don't have enough funds, or this month we do.

Mara: Do you second his amended motion?

Jim: My only question is if we fall short?

Rick: Say 1 month we can only put in \$60 then the next month I make that up.

Marcial: Instead of aiming for a monthly allocation that we aim at a sum total of \$750 of an end amount and we leave it up to the discretion of the treasurer to decide how much to set aside each month.

Martha: Second

Rick: Amended, we adjust the amount going in upon the evaluation of the treasurer

Martha: Second

Mara: The motion is we set aside \$75 a month aiming for \$750 total and it can be amended by the GSRs after each monthly treasurers report

15 in favor; 2 opposed

Minority Opinion:

Brian B: I think a percentage would take the arbitrary nature out of it. I like the percentage

Mara: I feel more comfortable with a pie like we use at the group level, if it was set I think it would be very simple.

Brian W: Is the DCM able to have a voice?

Mara: Yes, I represent all the groups that don't have a GSR. Does anyone from the majority side want to change their votes? (Hands were raised)

Okay, we will have a revote.

3 in favor; 8 opposed

David: I make a motion that we use a percentage.

Marcial: What percentage?

Brian B: If we look at the average income of the group, historically, then take \$750 find out the percentage that is and then we would have a better feel.

Marta: Either way would work. Having the treasurer evaluate how our cash flow is going and have a proposal to the group every month. I know that \$75 a month would wipe us out.

David: In your estimate how much do we take in a month?

Marta: It really varies. I could look back and figure that out for real, but I don't have that data. But these 2 months right here, this is \$115 in Dec., in Jan. we brought in...

Mara: Is this something you could get back to us on next month?

Marta: yes

Gil: I make a motion that we approve the funds to be available for the District 23 Conference Topic Free Food and refreshments Workshop.

Jim: Second

Motion Passes

Mara: Do we want to set aside anything to send someone to the Area Assembly?

Don: I motion we wait until March

Motion Passes

Brian: Are we tabling the PRAASA funding discussion?

Mara: Yes, we're tabling that until Marta can average out how much we take in monthly.

C) Discussion re: 2007 Conference Topic Questionnaires

Mara: These are the Question Topics. I'll hand each GSR a set of 3 packets. The board of GSO met on the 31st to finalize the questions, so they may be sending us some additions. Updates will be sent to you if necessary.

There are 3 packets for you, 2 to give out immediately if necessary and 1 to keep as a master copy. There's a sheet you can hang up to point out the questionnaires, a page to help you with what to say about the questionnaire if you need or want it, a cover sheet for the questionnaire telling them what the questions are, what the conference is, how to get the feedback, how they can get these questionnaires back to us.

Each individual and Group handles how they decide on answering the questions – the Group may just put out the questionnaires, announce them and let individuals pickup and fill them out themselves, some Groups hold separate Question and Topics discussion meetings so all their members can share.

Katherine: Is there a way to get this on the Internet?

Mara: When Gil gets to the website report he'll explain about that.

Mara: I put 2 cover sheets on each one, because I wasn't sure if the GSRs were going to approve the March 10th local pre-conference day.

We just voted on having the local, so you need to rip off the one that doesn't mention the local District 23 Pre-Conference day.

Mara: Any questions about these?

Brian: Are these available electronically.

Mara: They will be, when Gil gets to his website discussion he'll explain all that.

Mara: I'd like to point out just a couple of questions.

There is one in here about what to do about the 2 videos, Young People in AA and Come Rap With Us. It has already gone to last years Conference and people voted they didn't like these videos.

So the question is now, how do we fill that need? We will request the videos from the Area AV chair if our PI audio visual Committee chair Joanne has already gotten rid of them, to have them at our District pre-conference day so we can watch them and think about how they could be different.

Re: the questions about self support in the packet, I've ordered 50 packets for members as well as Treasurers to groups. If your group is not brand new you probably don't have it. I called GSO and they should be sending us 50 for free. It has the Self Support and Memo to Treasurer pamphlet along with some extra posters etc that GSO puts out.

I also will be copying the Area flier that talks about how money is used at the area level. It shows how and where the money goes. I'm also putting together a flier that talks about where your 7th tradition is going when your Group sends a split to us and all of our different committees: PI, Literature, Grapevine, Accessibilities, Archives, Special Events, and Website. Its still a rough draft, so if I've left anything off or if you have any feedback, let me know.

Martha: It's nice to know that we provide funds for people to go to PRAASA and other service events.

Gil: My only share and comment about the Conference and it's Topics Questions is the importance of just one of it's previous Conference Topics which was when it asked about creating a 4th edition of the Big Book – and after a number of years of questions and discussion about producing it and what new stories would go into it. looking closely at those stories and spending the time evaluating each one and getting AA Groups consensus the Conference voice voted on a 4th edition, So you see the importance of all of A.A.s inventories and of each of our individual voices. If you can imply when you're telling people how important it is, that their voice really does mean something. Let them know that these Questions and their voice really do affect AA as a whole. And the funds we use are really being used within the District as a whole. We don't have money to go to PRAASA because we distributed money to our Service Committees to buy cases of Books and Pamphlets to do all our 12-step work within our Groups and within the community as a whole. So they don't just think that we just don't have the money.

Mara: Another thing to emphasize is it doesn't matter how new someone is all voices are heard.

Katherine: So what do you want me to do? Take this back, give it to my group, have them look it over, I write it and then bring it back to you?

Mara: Yeah, you can do that. It tells you on the coversheet how they can get it back to me.

Katherine: This is for everyone?

Kristin: You can also turn these in to the Vet's Building District #23 Pre-conference meeting?

Mara: Yes.

Don: A cool way to do the question stuff is to have a separate meeting from the group, have food and people love to talk about it believe it or not. Another way is to get a volunteer to help at the pre-conference event, gather up a group of volunteers and commit to a time to come and come.

Gil: We've been extremely fortunate on having the district Pre conference day, to have had 30-60 people show up to the events, and a plus has been the help of the SB Young People participating.

D) Discussion re: Fun, Food, Fellowship and Feedback Day

People can come sit relax and go in and out; it's at the Vet. Memorial Building. People can come in, pick up information and leave, or stay and talk with other members or the GSRs. We put up the questions on the wall by using large Post Its, the same as their questionnaires. As they finish their questionnaire some share their answers with us to share with those that may come in after they leave by put their answers up on the wall. As people come in they can see all of the feedback. Another thing is they don't have to answer every single Topic or Question. We always have a box where they can put their completed questionnaire if they want to do it right way. Also they can just come sit and just relax and have fellowship without answering any of the questions if they choose.

We also usually bring the archive plus the other District #23 displays for everyone to see.

Josh: Why are there question marks on your calendar beside the March 10th District pre conference day?

Mara: I didn't know if the GSR were going to approved it or not, but we did pass the motion to approve it.

Martha: You have background information?

Mara: Yes, we do plus we will have more info coming from GSO.

Martha: If you can't make it, is there another way to find out background information?

Mara: People can call, mail or email to ask questions. You can direct them to the same avenues that they would follow to hand in their questionnaires.

E) Discussion re: SBYPAA Letter of Support

We had approved a few months back to write a letter of support for SBYPAA's bid for ACCYPAA and I'll give that to Brian tonight.

F) Change to District 23 Guidelines and Policies re: Website link to SBYPAA

At this point, our website has a link to SBYPAA, but our guidelines state that we link only to GSO, Area 93 and the Grapevine website. Do we want to amend our guidelines say that we also link to SBYPAA?

Jennifer: Would that be the only thing we would change, are there any other types of links that would be considered to be added?

Mara: Not that I know of. We would just add SBYPAA

Marvin: I make the motion.

Motion Passes

Mara: I also noticed that the written guidelines were wrong. It says that we take a 7th tradition, but years ago we voted that we would not so I deleted that from the GAP booklet. Also the rent amount says \$15, but we only pay \$10. I'm passing out amendments that you can just add to your GAP booklets.

Jennifer: We voted that we don't take 7th tradition here? Is there a reason?

Gil: The decision by the GSRs to stop taking rent from the GSRs was because we are already receiving 7th Tradition funds from the Groups and are being self supporting through the Districts Groups contributions

Brian: 7th is already being paid by the groups. That's why we don't do it here.

Treasury Report (Continued)

Marta: I have treasury report that covers up to today. This month is the first month that we've come out ahead in 5 months. I'll make a spreadsheet and bring it next meeting. The last 5 months were really hard on us, but January we came out in the black. I found out that the contribution we were anticipating from the convention will be coming but it hasn't been distributed to us yet. I think it will be soon, but I don't know when.

Jim: Why was it hard the last few months? Expenses or income?

Marta: Contributions were down we usually spend about the same amount, but our contributions vary greatly. Last fall they really got low and we kept spending like we usually do. The spreadsheet I'll make will go back 2 years and it'll show how contributions come and how we usually spend, the total for each month.

Marcial: Where do I find out where the money is coming from?

Marta: These are the list of the groups that contribute (showing him on the treasury spreadsheet).

Marcial: Very few groups contribute.

Mara: This is a good time because we have the Conference questions about self support to let the groups know about self support and how money can be distributed.

Marcial: I think it's important to that we as GSRs let our groups know that the participation is low

Jim: Some groups do it quarterly, not monthly.

Marta: Yes this only shows the Groups that contributed in a month.

Marcial: Do you now how many groups contribute?

Marta: I can put together a list of what groups contribute.

Mara: It's our job to inform our groups about the variety of splits and that contributing to Central office does not mean that the money will go to GSO, Area or District.

Marta: Some groups don't even contribute to the District at all and if they don't know that, it will continue like that.

Marcial: I wouldn't know how to tell my group where to contribute.

Gil: Mara has envelopes for GSO and Marta has explained about our P.O. Box as well as a Drop off at Central Office plus she can give you the address to send to the AREA. More info will be available on the new Website

Registrar - Gil: registrar@ccaadistrict23.com

Gil: We've updated all the information for all the groups. A week from this Sunday if we can get together I will meet with all new GSRs for our local district GSR orientation. We'll meet at Carrow's Restaurant on Carrillo Street at 1:pm on that Sunday and we'll go through District #23 orientation that afternoon. Let me give my email address – gilebwfriend@aol.com. Or Registrar@ccaadistrict23.com phone: (805) 403-0578 if you can't get in touch with me to verify you can make it that would be helpful.

Regarding the AREA info I should have everything that I need to get out to the area and to GSO 1 new Group has already gotten their GSO #, if you don't have your Groups and would like it, please see me after the meeting I have that listing with me to give you.

8) Committee Reports - timer - Don

5 min. for presentations ----- 8 min. Question period

A) Website webmaster@ccaadistrict23.com

Gil: Gil walked the GSRs through a visual display of all ten pages of the Website including all the links and E-mail address's attached on each separate page of the Website.

On this first page of our Website. it will explain what we will do with the website and what we will not do plus show Tradition 6. He showed how you will be able to go to AA World services, AREA 93 Central CA Website, plus view a map of AREA 93 and all it's Districts plus a comment regarding the Spanish Speaking Districts Overlay which is in the process of being completed. And of course the District #23 main Service Page link to all our District Information.

The DCM the Officers, Committee Chairs and liaisons will all have E-mail Alias addresses.

Each Officer and liaison has an alias email on this District #23 main Page.

Each Committee Chair has a separate linked page with their information and can be reached through their separate Committee Service Page E-Mail button. All information on all the pages will be able to be taken off the site and printed up. You'll be able to find out all the things that each Service Committee does plus contact that committee chair for more information. Some, like the Grapevine page, will have separate links to GSO and the Grapevine Inc. All committee chairs have reviewed their pages and added their comments for the changes that were made to update them.

On the District #23 main page we have a S.B. Young People A.A. link as well as an email address that goes directly to our district #23 SBYPAA liaison. Also on the district Page are a variety of pieces of information about being a GSR as well as more information about Service plus the Conference Topics and Questions for this year's inventory. We also will have information about the local and AREA Pre conference Workshops. Also included on the District #23 main page are links to the Webmaster as well as helpful links to GSO Central offices all over the country for members to get meeting information before they go out of town. There is also a separate GSO link to the young peoples information at World services.

Arlin: When is this going to be happening?

Gil: There is also a button to get the conference topic questions. This site disappeared. I had to find all the information, I got the information back yesterday so all this information is almost ready. It will be up as soon as the spell check is done and Kelly can get it.

B) P.I. / Audio Visual - Joanne (absent - See Report) pi@ccaadistrict23.com

C) CPC – Gil cpc@ccaadistrict23.com

Gil: Today I had the opportunity to do PI because Joanne couldn't be there for the Parolee Information. I handed out about 20 packets at the Parolee orientation meeting. There were between 15 & 25 different services there at the orientation, places like Salvation Army, etc. CPC gives them info about AA to describe what AA does and does not do. There were 3 new facilities, I handed out information, gave presentations to then and will be meeting with some of them. I will be going over to the new mental health facility to see if they want me to give a presentation on AA and if they want a rack for information or packets about AA. And literature. The detox center asked if Literature would send 2 Big Books and 2 12 and 12's. Project Recovery has asked for Grapevines to read also. We work with these places and the community to provide this type of information.

D) Archives - Naima archives@ccaadistrict23.com

I've set up our display at the Alano club and I got a really big response from that. I got people asking that I set up displays at some other meetings. I also dropped off pamphlets at the Mon. Salvation Army meeting. I have pamphlets if you want one.

E) Grapevine - Jennifer (See Report) grapevine@ccaadistrict23.com

Jennifer: I realized that I'm still in the process of putting together a list of the agencies that are interested in getting the Grapevine materials. So what I would like to do also is be able to get in contact with the GSR's that are here, be able to email them, I know that we have the email addresses that are the top of the emails that we get. Can I get a list of emails to see if your meeting that you're the GSR for would like Grapevines. I've had several people at meetings show an interest in being a Grapevine rep at their meeting.

Gil: I'm your registrar and I have all that information. We have not distributed the email info because some members have not wanted their email passed out. So we ask that if there is a committee chair that wants to get in touch with individuals, you as the chair can ask for that information from the GSR's and make a list.

Marciall: I'm very private with my email, I don't want more junk mail. It seems to me that rather than you trying to reach everyone, it might be more valuable for you to advertise your email for those who want it.

Jennifer: I put my email on my report, but my experience is that people are really busy and in the past no one has ever contracted me.

Marciall: That gives you an idea then of the interest level for that.

Jennifer: You can opt out; you don't have to put your name on the list. I wouldn't inundate everyone, but I would just like to be able to contact those who are interested. I personally would rather get an email from somebody. What I'll do next month is bring a list of GSR's and anyone that would like to give me their email can write it next to their name.

Naima: Who do you contact if you want something printed from the Grapevine?

Jennifer: We can meet after the meeting and discuss that.

F) Literature - Don literature@ccaadistrict23.com

Don: I passed out these spreadsheets. Basically what we do is we have a predefined literature rack and a predefined newcomer packet. I had 3 volunteers that ran around and make sure these things are stocked and we make newcomer packets. So what I've done is you can see the balance for the amount required. The items in red are the items I need. On the second page I have a list of facilities that we visit. I also have some at the bottom that I need to have volunteers follow up with on making sure literature gets to these places. Also, at the Area Assembly they need a volunteer to do the Area 93 News Letter. We were given lots of great information about the different information. We also talked about the Too Young Pamphlet. It's been updated and it will soon be out. They're also updating the Native American pamphlet by June. The audio Visual is part of the literature committee & Lori is heading that up. John gave it up and she goes around to conferences and CPC and PI and it's basically a sub committee of literature. The Literature Committee didn't really talk a lot about the literature; they talked more about CPC and PI. If anyone wants to help deliver packets, or needs a commitment I'd appreciate it.

If there are any facilities that you think would benefit from this let me know. Or also new groups that need new literature or needs a kick start let me know.

Don's # (805) 685-0413.

Martha: Do you ever talk about the importance of only having Conference Approved Literature?

Don: I have a sheet that talks about that information and I gave a copy to my volunteers. But I can get you a copy of that.

G) Accessibilities - David R. accessibility@ccaadistrict23.com

David: I got pretty fired up by the Area Assembly. I have a flier here, if you could take a copy to your meeting or any other meetings you attend. It's for providing rides. At the Accessibilities meeting we talked about how we reach out to those who are missing the information for a number of reasons: language, unable to drive there, they're a new mother, etc. I have a survey that goes through different Accessibilities issues for your group to go through. If that group has members that has these issues and then people can contact me.

Gil: Is this information conference approved? Did this come from AA? This looks like a survey; which it says we don't do (See Info on AA Sheet) because of our traditions if we as GSR's are taking a survey we're breaking our traditions. We haven't discussed it with GSO and it says that anything that affects other groups or AA as a whole without contacting AA as a whole would be breaking our traditions. If we could get an opinion about asking for funds from groups from GSO we could approve it.

David: I have something similar that came from GSO. I'm not certain if this came from GSO but I can check. I did contact the Accessibilities person at GSO and I'm waiting for her to get back to me.

Marcial: I'm concerned about this question concerning the funds. Doesn't the funds come through us to you. So is this bi-passing this process? Where would this money go?

David: To the district.

Marcial: See that's breaking our tradition if we're fundraising on the side. This is potentially very dangerous if people know you have a collection that's allocated on the side that isn't related to Central Office or the District. There's a big reason why we have the traditions set up the way they are.

Josh: So if I have the flier sitting out about Accessibility, that's not breaking traditions, but the survey is, right?

Jennifer: I think what I'm hearing is that Gil has explained the manner that we go about doing something like this and also the reasons why this wouldn't be, but the one part that's awesome about taking our questions to GSO is they will explain clearly with explanation why we do or don't do any of this. So that

would be a good opportunity to bring this to GSO and see what they have to say about it.

Gil: Because it asks for a separate fund for the District Accessibilities when in fact we haven't needed it . All of our accessibilities projects and literature have been funded. We automatically break our own guidelines, so It gets real close to fundraising. What I mean by that is its very specific about asking for donations money funds to for the District and they're going to ask about what were doing with the funds we already are getting from the groups within their distribution thru their 7th Tradition pie that we send you. We'd be running a fine line by asking for money for a specific thing again like sending the alt DCM to PRAASA.

Don: I think it's really cool that alcoholics get freaked out by questionnaires. I think this could be turned into a cool information thing, like these are the kind of things that are available.

Dave: You can also give out my number if your group wants me to come give a presentation.

Mara: If you ask the Accessibilities desk at GSO you can send her that and she can help you.

Gil: you can also find that information at our website.

Mara: I agree that this could be turned into an informational flier. That would be awesome. As a flier that goes out to all the contact people for each group as an introductory flier for the groups.

Dave: So rather than putting it in a question format just make a flier?

H) Central Office Liaison – Position Open centraloffice@ccaadistrict23.com

Brian B: I would like to be the Central Office Liaison

Mara: We have a new Central Office Liaison. Thank you Brian!

I) Young Peoples Service Liaison – Brian W. sbypaa@ccaadistrict23.com

Brian W.: Thank you for the letter of support. For the new GSR's, we're a service committee and our purpose is to carry the message to Young People in sobriety. We bid for ACYPAA conference. You can visit ACYPAA.org to find out more about what ACYPAA does. You can also contact me. Our meetings are the 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month in the Winchester room at the Alano Club. If you know any people in your groups that would like to be of service we could really use your support. And because we are getting smaller, anyone with service experience would be extremely helpful. It doesn't matter what your age is, if you have service experience, its just about carrying the message to the younger generation. If you could share that with your groups it would be helpful. We are bidding in April to bid for the 2008 conference. If you know anyone who's had experience getting hotel contracts let me know, we could use the help.

My phone # is (805) 450-4302 and my email is brianwalker@tmw.com.

District 7 is starting up a YP committee so I gave them Brian's information.

Martha: Are there any pre-conference events?

Mara: No I said they come to our events.

J) H & I Liaison - Jen (absent) handi@ccaadistrict23.com

8) Old Business

9) New Business and Birthdays

Announcement: The We Know Only A Little Group reads Service Manual and discusses concepts and traditions on the 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month. Call Martha for location. (805) 560-0972.

Meeting closed at 8:15 pm