

1. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 6:03 by Arlin
2. GSR Preamble - Josh
3. Welcome New G.S.R.s:

New: Nina GSR from KCB group
Stuart GSR New Life Group
Eric alternate from Sundowners
Liz Alternate GSR from KCB group

Please note if you are not able to get to the AREA Assembly within a few weeks, Gil does all the New GSR orientations – If you have signed in as a new GSR new Alt GSR, he will be contacting you to set up and orientation to give you all the information you will need as a New GSR.

Visitors: Bob visiting from KCB group

Before we go on, I just want to say that I know that the last 2 meetings has had a lot more cross talk on topics which has made it a little disorderly plus does have a tendency for lengthening the overall GSR meeting. So in the interest of making sure everyone has a chance to get their voice heard in a timely manner we will be incorporating our existing Service Committee reports sharing time limits to the Treasury and Registrars reports

After each report the floor will be open to the G.S.R.s And Visitors For A Maximum Of 8 Minute Q & A Discussion Period, Allowing A Maximum Of Two Minutes Per Person In Turn. Extension Of Time Limits Can Only Be Increased Thru Request Of G.S.Rs And The Group Conscience For That G.S.R. Meeting. (this may not necessarily to make the meetings shorter but it should allow for more fairness to all participants) The Recorder Will Have A Clock Which Will Be Used To Monitor All Time Limits

I would also like to ask that we go back to raising your hands and talking one at a time when you want to share or ask a question rather than having two or more conversations going on simultaneously.

In the interest of fair sharing and showing service members courtesy, if you feel it's important to share your Experience, Strength and Hope, please share with us all. Then everyone will have a better chance of participating, as with podium participation at AREA assemblies.

4. Review February minutes: minutes approved

Thank you to Kristen for taking notes for us at the March GSR meeting.

5. Treasurer Rick (See treasurers report & Feb 28 officers minutes) treasurer@ccaadistrict23.com

You have the treasury report as well as a report that shows how much money came in and out each month. At the officers meeting, we discussed my recommendation I had made at the last GSR meeting regarding setting aside a set amount each month for PRAASA and I 'm sorry that was just a bad approach. We discussed at the officers meeting putting together a budget committee to find out all the things that we would spend money on over our budget year and all the donations that we had – all the projected donations. (remembering that the only funds the District receives is from 7th Tradition contributed by Groups)

On the report that Marta gave us which covers 23 months, it looks like we get an estimated average \$3000 a year coming in. At the upcoming budget Committee all the information will be gathered about where we stand. The GSRs will have to decide what is important and how much money we have available for projects and how to prioritize them. Now, I was thinking of putting it into a pie chart

Rick suggested that we have a budget committee made up of officers and any GSRs who would like to be part to help us find all the things that we would like to spend money on and / or purchase and then we could look at it all at one time, review our expenses and the 7th Tradition that we receive over a year and decide which expenses are most important. **(continued on next page)**

5. Treasurers report (continued from previous page)

We would like to ask all GSRs to submit expenses which they consider important. And of course we would really like to hear from Committee chairs about expected expenses for their on going and new projects.

Marta and Gil brought up, and we all agree with them, that the calendar year January to January really doesn't work for us since most of our projects need to be expensed on a fiscal year of June 1st to June 1st. After discussion, we decided to start it with that budget year So we will try to have a budget ready to go by June 1st to get our projects going.

So anybody who would like to join us for our first budget meeting it will be on March 21st.

Mara added: The purpose of the budget committee is to compile all fiscal information and to bring it back to the GSRs for their review. in order for us to have to firm up a budget and have it approved by all the GSRs in time for our next fiscal year June 1st to June 1st. Any interested GSR can be involved in this budget committee. The first of which will be on March 21st.

Brian B: After last months lengthy discussions, I think this is a great idea and avenue.

6. DCM Report: (see officers minutes) DCM@ccaadistrict23.com

A) Conference Topic Questionnaires and Background Info

Mara: Did everyone get copies of the questionnaires.

Arlin: Can we get reimbursed for copies.

Mara: You can ask your group and there will be 30 copies available at the March 10th District #23 Pre Conference event.

Mara: GSO left me a message saying that the 100 FV-19 packets (self-support info) should have arrived by March 2nd, so I'm hoping that they will be here by March 10th.

Brian B.: When is the deadline for feedback?

Mara: I don't have the exact date, but mid April

B) March 10th Free Food, Fellowship and Background Information Day

Mara: We still need volunteers to write the feedback on the wall post its and to help with the food and the setup. I'll email out the sign up sheet to let you know what refreshments are still available to donate.

Mandy: SBYPAA is donating 4 dozen donuts

Rick: I could donate a sandwich tray.

Josh: Where do we send the completed questionnaires?

Mara: That cover sheet on the questions tells you, but you can also bring them to the March 17th or 18th assemblies and give them personally to the delegate, or get them to me prior to the Area Assemblies or put them in our box at Central Office or contact me and I'll pick them up.

C) March 17th / 18th Preconference Topic Workshop / Area Assembly in Reseda

Jennifer is presenting at the Preconference Topic Workshop about the Grapevine question and I believe that Naima will be timing.

Even though the Area Assembly isn't over 100 miles away this time (our District 23 GAP states that we will pay for a hotel room if an Assembly is over 100 miles away), it is a 2 day Assembly, so do we want to get rooms? I reserved 2 rooms for about \$79/room which can be canceled if we decide not to use them, but I believe that there are at least 2 women so far who would use one.

Brian B. made a motion to approve the expense for the two rooms. Gil added that we would save on mileage because GSRs wouldn't have to drive back and forth on Saturday night and Sunday morning. Motion approved.

Brian: From the officer's minutes it looks like Sheila did go to PRAASA.

Mara: Her home group sent her and so she is representing her home group. But she will probably bring back some background information for the questionnaire that we can make copies of.

Gil: And I did give her sets of my own copies of the information we would usually take to PRAASA to share with all the other members in other Districts and Areas, and the Region as a whole.

Mara: and she did take my cards so that anyone who wanted any of those information pieces could email or call me to get one.

Registrar - Gil: registrar@ccaadistrict23.com

I got the new registration packet from GSO with every meeting and all the back up information. I've already gone through and started to make some of the changes to update what they don't have. This includes every meeting that we have that's registered or not registered. What I do is go line item per line item and see what's missing. For example, they have one that shows up 5 days a week, but they don't say at what time. So, if someone comes to SB, they won't know what time the meeting starts – morning, afternoon, or evening. (Gil showed another bundle of reports.) This is the other report I correlate with which comes from our Area #93 It's a more current Meetings list. The Area's list is usually more up to date than GSO's because it takes several months to have changes show up with GSO. What I do is correlate the Area one and make the changes to the GSO one then go back and make a whole new list of ones that are changed and updated between the two lists, then go back and send what info is missing from the GSO and to the AREA, to let them know that we have correlated both lists of information.

I then use the updated AREA GSO Registered lists and correlate the meetings with our Santa Barbara Central Office meeting directory to find out all the meetings within the District that are showing up Registered and those that are not registered and then compile a list of all of those within our SB directory

I make a separate spreadsheet of registered Groups/ Meetings showing their A.A. Registered Group GSO Id# and give it to the District Treasurer so that person has that information on hand and available to answer questions about their Reg # and take back to Groups who contact them regarding donations of 7th Tradition to our District and would like their personal information updated for their Group.

Currently I'm still missing registration #s for two brand new groups that were recently registered Temp GSO id#. Are issued until GSO gives them a Permanent one which I have not yet received as of yet, also I understand that there maybe two more groups that are new that I have to look into.

Regarding registering a Group or not, Its not a matter of whether or not I personally evaluate a Group as to whether or not they deserve to be or should be registered as a A.A. GSO World Services Registered Group.

Our Traditions and GSO guidelines regarding such matters are used -
For instance not registering Groups with outside names or interests such as the name of the Facility, Church, Recovery business and/or Person, if they call themselves a Dual addiction / Double Trouble or Alternative A.A. meetings, also any meeting affiliated in any way with an outside enterprises.

As your District Registrar I have the 12 Traditions as my guidelines, If a Group says they are a Joe and Charlie Tape Group a New Pair of Glass's Group or a Group who has a Big Book or 12 /12 Instructor / Teacher. Since AA does not educate on recovery those meetings cannot be registered. This includes Group who uses the 12 steps as the Bible the Torah or Koran explains them. As a District registrar I cannot register that group

Because it has an outside issue attached to it it would create an outside controversy which we can not do. I try and explain to any group member, or take the information that is put out by GSO regarding our Tradition and/Or put a packet together so that that Group has A.A. conference approved information to allow them the ability to make an informed Group Conscience as to whether they want to be an AA registered Group

Periodically in order for me to update Dist#23 Groups with AA information or to get updated information about that group I ask members to assist me and go out to Groups and just drop off an envelope with a district #23 registered group update information form and a letter in it explaining about he Requested for updated information or that they are an unregistered Group. And if they would like to review information sent usually a copy of the Twelve traditions illustrated the Home group pamphlets and a 7th Tradition pamphlet.

The volunteer doesn't have to say anything at all to the Group – its preferable not to because we are the GSRs and they assume that we are coming in to tell them how to run their Group. It's a matter of here's an envelope of some AA information we would like to share with you, and if you would like contact us after your Group discusses it the number is in the letter.

If your Group decides it doesn't want to change its name, or fall under the twelve suggested Traditions then I say, "Please accept that I cannot register you as a GSO Group.", but that does not mean they cannot be in the meeting directory locally. Central Office does not have to use the same guidelines as we the District, the AREA or GSO. **(continued on next page)**

Registrars report (continued)

What I've been told is "We do not have to follow the Traditions in such a strict or rigid sense as you GSRs" So they CO does a right and the freedom as any Group to make it's own decisions and put in meetings as they come in.

I have previously verbally informed them as well as sent and included A.A. conference Approved information as to why I have not registered or deleted Groups. So whenever there is a deviation from the Traditions, I just inform. I may not register a meeting that chooses to follow their own Group conscience and not change their name or other Tradition break, because they have made an informed Group Conscience.

Josh: How many Groups do we have in Santa Barbara?

Gil: Right now, between 90 and 95 groups. Now Groups are different than meetings Groups can have 5 meetings. We actually have about 145 registered meetings with 90 –95 Groups.

I will have the exact breakdowns for that next month because I just got the information I'll have the breakdown of how many are registered and not registered

Peter: I'm pretty sure that our meeting is registered, but our treasurer doesn't know our GSO number.

Gil: I can get that for you after the meeting.

Stuart: What is GSO

Gil: General Service Office in New York

Mara; Any volunteers to help registration to deliver these packets of Groups?

Bob: can a non GSR do that.

Gil / Mara: Yes!

8) Committee Reports - timer - Jim

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

A) Central Office Liaison – Brian B: centraloffice@ccaadistrict23.com

Central Office meets on the second Tuesday of each month. I haven't received their minutes yet, but I was there. Notable news: There is a budget surplus of several thousand, but I'm not sure that is correct. I will have more next month.

Mara: You can always email us the February minutes when you do get them.

Brian: Ok I'll do that.

Gil: With that kind of overage, why are they having a fundraiser?

Brian: I'm not sure about the overage

Website webmaster@ccaadistrict23.com

Gil: I talked with Kelly. Website is up. It is now .com not .org. I have made the corrections that were mentioned to me. Kelly has not had the chance to update them. GAP is up and updated. The link to GSO to find out of town meetings is working. The majority of the site is working although there are a couple of links crossing. Try it – check the links and let us know if there are any problems.

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

C) CPC – Gil cpc@ccaadistrict23.com

Gil passed around a sample of the packets which CPC gives to agencies that want info about AA for their staff. He also passed around and AA Fact File and 2004 Membership Survey pamphlet which CPC also uses to inform agencies about our fellowship. CPC is working hand in hand with P.I., Literature and Grapevine.

Peter: When is the PACT meeting?

Gil: It was today, but I missed it because my ride didn't show up. Are you available?

Peter: Yes

Gil: PACT meeting is usually on First Monday of the month now like the GSR meeting.

D) Archives – Naima (absent no report) archives@ccaadistrict23.com

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

Also Grapevine books are available for display, but not for lending.

David: What about the question about reinstating the section on Alcoholism. Isn't the Grapevine all about alcoholism?

Jennifer: Yes although this section is more information from the medical agencies like National Council on Alcoholism and Federal and County governments.

Gil: The Gray pages were removed through the Conference in 1989.

F) Literature – Jim for Don (see report) literature@ccaadistrict23.com

Don was unable to attend, but sent a report to Jim to give us. He requested a rack for El Carrillo as they had requested a rack of literature.

A motion to purchase the literature for \$20 was approved.

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

David got a new Special Needs questionnaire from GSO originally from an Area in South Dakota which he tried to convert for use by us and which he distributed to the GSRs to bring back to their groups or to complete. Please ask secretaries if you can leave fliers at the meeting. On the questionnaires, if the group would like David to give a presentation on how accessibilities can help, please mark that. Gil asked if David would like to link the questionnaire to the Accessibilities / Special Needs webpage on the District website which David would like. He will convert it and put it up. It will be accessible and printable off Davids webpage.

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

Young People will bring 4 dozen donuts to donate to the March 10th Free Food, Fellowship and Background Information Day. Also on March 17th, they will have a game night.

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

Jennifer has moved, but is looking for a replacement.

8) Old Business

Special Events Chair - Josh is our new Special Events Chair!

9) New Business and Birthdays

Birthdays – Eric 9 years, Liz 17 years !!!

Meeting closed at 7:30 pm