

1. The meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer at 6:03 by Chimene
2. GSR Preamble - Jennifer
3. Welcome New G.S.R.s:
New: Darryl GSR Start Your Day Right
Barry GSR Young Peoples Tuesday Night

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 an orientation around your schedule to give you all the information you will need as a New GSR.

3rd Legacy elections for Recorder: After reviewing eligibility criteria and duties for Recorder, the 3rd legacy election for Recorder was held. No one stood for Recorder. Commitment is still open. In the meantime, we continue to use tape recorders. Thank you to David for loaning us his tape recorder. You will have to patient with getting the minutes until we get a recorder.

4. Review March minutes: minutes approved

5. Treasurer Rick / Marta(See treasurers report &March DCM report) treasurer@ccaadistrict23.com

Rick let us know that at the first budget meeting, we broke down information about how much money we have been spending on projects. Our first look gives us the impression that we are spending approximately \$6,000 / year and that we seem to average approximately \$3,000 / year in 7th tradition. So our next meeting will focus on looking at the projects we have and look at which we want to continue having. With all the GSRs helping to decide on the final budget. The next budget meeting will be on April 11th from 7:30 – 9:00 pm at Ricks house.

Marta gave us the treasury report and let us know that we brought in quite a bit more in contributions than we paid out at that point. It turned out though that no one had turned in their mileage or hotel reimbursement requests for the March Assembly and Marta had not paid the rent for March 10th rental of the Vets Memorial Building. So in fact we wouldn't know our current accurate balance until all those reimbursements had been made. We tabled voting on whether the GSRs wanted to purchase the PRAASA tapes from Sheila because we didn't know how much we would have left after all the March reimbursements had been made and also because we had several May expenses (Travel and lodging expenses for the May Assembly in Lake Isabella, literature and Delegate Report back Day) coming up.

There was a question as to whether the budget committee meeting is the place to talk about ways that we could get more money. Mara explained again that the only District funding that we have is from the 7th tradition that the Groups choose to send. She also passed out a packet that includes the Self Support pamphlet which shows how the AA Group is the one who decides how to distribute their 7th Tradition funds. Examples of the pies are within that Self Support pamphlet. The packet also includes the District 23 Treasurers web page with all the blank pies, the flier that the Area has adapted from the GSO flier and our flier that lists what each committee does with the 7th tradition that District receives from Groups that contribute to us. An ongoing solution to getting more information to the groups would be for the GSRs to please take one or more of these newly updated packets back to their own secretaries or treasurers or to any meeting that you may know of that would looking for this information. Our task is not to interfere with other Groups way in which they distribute their funds, but to make available Conference approved information and pamphlets if they want information.

The bottom line is that the GSRs have the Self Support information to take back to their groups – The Self Support Pamphlet has always been out on the table at each GSR meeting. The other 70 or so groups are sent the Self Support pamphlets with a non registered new Group letter and / or with the District 23 Registered Group update information letter that the Registration committee tries to get to all the Groups in the District. These are the packets / envelopes that Gil has been asking about for the

past few years and that the Area Registrar talked about when she came to our District meeting last year.

6. DCM Report: (see March DCM report) DCM@ccaadistrict23.com

Pre Conference Topic Questionnaires

Mara made sure that everyone had Pre Conference topic questionnaires and let everyone know that she was trying to get hard copies of the presentation from the D.C.M.s whose District members did them and then emailing them out to them. She was still wading through the 138 pages of background information about the Class B trustee being chairman of the General Service Board and will email out as soon as she has condensed version.

District meetings at Holy Cross Church

She talked to Father Luto at Holy Cross right before the meeting and he said that basically we are here indefinitely now.

Re: Delegate Report back Day on May 12th,

Mara did hear back from Kristen, and Veterans Memorial Building is available, we can cook there, we can have the kitchen. It sounds like the best bet now. Its \$50 for 9 am to 1 pm We were paying \$10 at SB Cottage Hospital, but Cottage is kind of out now because we're never sure we're there. She'll talk to Josh, but it looks like Vets is our best bet unless somebody has an idea for him. If anyone has anything comparable, but cheaper that would be fine, but this is the only one I know of. I'm sure Josh will be getting with you guys for food.

Area Assembly Bid.

Comments came up again about raising the visibility of General Service in Santa Barbara and getting more GSRs involved. One GSR commented that having an Area Assembly would be an excellent way to increase visibility and get people involved. Both Mara and Gil have had the pleasure of being part of the Area Assembly in which Area 93 was created. In 2000, our District had the great honor and privilege to be a part of AAs written history by hosting the Assembly in which the Conference formation of Area 93 / Split of Area 5 occurred. This was a simultaneous 2 Area Assembly which because it was an historic event included more than one AA Trustee, Delegates from other Areas in our Region plus GSO staff along with past Area 5 Delegates and 400 GSRs, Area Chairs and Area Officers.

Since the GSRs expressed interest in District 23 hosting an Area Assembly in 2008, the DCM, Officers and the Special Events committee will research the possible locations in order to put into a bid. The special events committee can be any member who wants to work with the Officers and Josh. I have the guidelines for putting on an Area Assembly and I can email it out to you guys so you can get an idea – I think that its \$600 for rent and \$300 for food. I believe we have to be able to seat 150. The guidelines for an Area 93 assembly may be on the Area 93 website, but Mara will be emailing everyone the guidelines. Brian B. and Gil offered to join Josh on the Special Events committee. After we have gathered the information we would have to take a formal vote as to whether the GSRs want to put in a bid before Mara could take it to the Assembly.

Free Food, Fellowship and Background information day

Mara pointed out the post its on the walls have some of the feedback from the day. There was a request that next time we make an announcement about what members are supposed to do when they come in. In the past we have had a greeter handing out packets and letting members know what to they can do when they come in. Next time we will go back to the original set up by having a sign in table with a greeter where members can pick up the information and also get someone to assist them. It was also suggested that the GSRs / Special events committee members have name badges so members know they can ask them questions.

Registrar - Gil: registrar@ccaadistrict23.com

Gil explained how he correlates Group information between the recently received GSO Registered Group Report from World Services, the Area 93 Registrars Registered Group report, and our local district #23 Central Office meeting directory. The Area Registered Group Information Report is of course more up to date because the information goes to AREA Registrar as soon as I verify any new information and complete the District #23 registered Group Update form so we have a copy on record. As soon as that's done I send the District Updated form in, usually by E-mail, to be recorded by the AREA registrar when he

receives it, before it gets to GSO, and the Area takes that New Group information transfers it to their computer Program which unfortunately is not the same as the GSO Computer recording program.

Once it's recorded, they send it to GSO. Unfortunately, it may take approximately 3 to 5 months for that information to show up within G.S.O.s records .

Gil went on to explained that he does put out a District #23 Registered AA and Unregistered AA Group report which he usually does after he gets the latest GSO report of information so that he can compile and correlate all three menus of information - GSO, AREA and local Meeting Directory information.

He passed out that latest report. He has come up with a report which showed that in the local SB meeting Directory shows there are a total 146 English speaking individual meetings here in District #23 S.B. Gol, I.V., Mont., Summerland, Carpinteria. 16 of those meetings are not AA World Services Registered A.A Groups. He said there are for a variety of reasons. Some are not registered because they don't want to be a registered AA Group and others he is in the process of communicating with and delivering information to them so they can make their own decision about whether they decide to be an Actual AA Registered World Services registered Group. (Just a notation - More explanation of this report will be found down a few paragraphs)

Gil went on to explain the process of contacting meetings. He explained that he has two types of letters which go out with a variety of AA information as well as AA conference approved pamphlets.

One letter goes out to Unregistered Groups letting them know that they are not an AA World Service registered AA group and attaches a GSO World Services registration form that they can fill out if they want to be. If they do decide to become an A.A. registered group, one of the pamphlets within the packet of information that is sent to them is the "GSR pamphlet what is a General Service Representative?" If that group decides at that point they want a G.S.R. to represent them with AA as a whole, Gil will also register that person at the same time or if they need more info he will help by getting it. He then has all the information updated and available right away,

That letter makes sure to inform the Group that Gil, as their District #23 Registrar, or the D.C.M. are available to come to their group and share about what that information is, basically explain it all so they can make a educated informed Group Conscience on their own. We only advise. So that's the letter that goes out to all the unregistered Groups.

Now, the other letter is called a District #23 Registered Group Update letter for all those Groups that are AA registered Groups but may need to be updated. For instance, a meeting may not have not been contacted in 3 years or 5 years, so information like new secretary time, location, GSR etc would need to be gathered and sent in to update their GSO and the AREA 93 information lists

By correlating those two lists I can see which meetings fall under say that 3 to 5 years category and will compose a list of priority groups to be contacted breaking them down by city location, at the same while sending or delivering as many as possible that letter to those I can reach immediately

A copy of the GSO generated A.A registered Group information form with what they have on file is attached to the letter, Of course I check whether the Group still exists first and if it doesn't, I complete a District 23 update form with all the information and write delete across it and send it in.

Now in the letter that does go out to the Groups that still exist, I explain why we're sending the information, ask them to review the information on the GSO information sheet which may have some of my hand written notes and information I correlated and updated with the Area 93 updated Group information. By hand writing my comments on the copy of the GSO report they will have the latest updated information and that way they can decide to fill it out to correct any discrepancies and give us all their new updated Group information.

Along with that information I also send them a Group pamphlet, a GSR Pamphlet, Self Support pamphlet, a 12 Traditions Illustrated pamphlet and Information on AA pamphlet just in case they haven't seen this information. So that's what goes out to every Group that doesn't have a GSR.

There is no need to send one out to Groups that have GSRs since a GSR would automatically give me their information when registering as a New GSR or since they will have my contact information, phone me, E-mail me or give it to me at any monthly GSR meeting. They already know they will meet with me at least once a month, besides there is a location on the monthly G.S.R. sign in sheet for them to give me that information (it's called "Any Group information changes to be made") so that you don't have to take the time to meet with me after or during the meeting to give me your updated information.

Its nice if you the G.S.R. who is the link between your Group and the rest of AA let me know of any

changes or if you have something else come up that may need some information. I find that better than me hearing about changes to your group thru other sources but having to wait until I contact you to make sure those are actual facts and Permanent or Temporary changes for instance an example would be if you move or change your time you may want to let me know so I can make that change and update you groups record.

Another example would be for instances you may want to let me know you have a new Secretary or Treasurer so we can give you some AA Conference approved pamphlets to share with them such as The AA Group or the Self Support pamphlets to take back to your group or send one out to that person personally.

To get back to the new report I just handed out as you can read we do have 94 registered groups with 16 of those meetings not registered. And as you read in my registration report, keeping to the spirit of the traditions for instance some are easy if there is a Joe and Charlie group it can't be registered, If it has a New Pair of Glasses meeting it can't be registered, if it has the Bible, If it has some kind of outside controversy or attachment to an outside agency or is led by just one member who explains defines delineates how the Big Book or Twelve and Twelve works thru his interpretation rather than by the individual members of the Group some may call themselves AA workshops. It is my responsibility to know and to find any and all information thru the Traditions, the Concepts and our AA information first and not just to delete a meeting that may not understand the spirit of our Twelve Traditions. So it is my responsibility to gather that information and hand it over to them for them to become more informed of what AA says and allow that group to makes it's own decision to allow them to do that.

At this point there have been 3 groups that have decided to change their name, because they wanted to come into the Traditions of Alcoholics Anonymous rather than be unregistered. So it can be extensive to meet with Groups over and over, because they want you there when the Group conscience is being held, or they want you there beforehand to explain the information and that is what the registrar does. So I try to make a visit to as many groups as I can and as you can see from the new District Registered and Unregistered Groups report just because it says 146 meetings, that doesn't mean 146 registered AA Groups

As an example Gil uses the new G.S.R. of the " Start Your Day Right Group " They hold 7 individual meetings per week that show up that way in our local SB Central Office meeting Directory but in essence all 7 meetings comprise one World Services Registered AA, and as it shows here there are 7 other groups that fall under that category with all of those multi meeting Groups holding a total of 44 separate meetings that show up as such in the directory.

And so unless there is anything else this completes my report. And again as I say each month I have brought for your help Registered Group update information packets /envelopes that you can help me with by taking them out to the meetings I have difficulty reaching such as in the outlying areas like Goleta, IV, Montecito, Summerland or Carpinteria.

If you want to meet with me after the GSR meeting I can give you one or more to just drop off at those meetings, That's all you have to do. All the information is in there it explains the reason for the envelope packet as well as contact information once they open it up. That Group will know what to do after they open it up.

Discussion re: Registration:

There was a question as to whether the change forms could be done on the internet. Yes it can be Groups can email Gil or email him through the Registrar webpage of the District website and give all that information to him and he can fill out the paperwork and send it immediately to the Area 93 registrar.

There were also questions about what kind of update should be given to Gil when Group information changes: meeting location, time changes and contact people and GSR changes should be given to Gil to update. (We need the contact person's permission to give their name and information to GSO.)

There was a question as to whether Gil needs the Groups treasurer information, but its not the Group Treasurer Gil was staying in touch with it was the District Treasurer. Gil gives The District Treasurer a copy of the list of the registered Groups and their service numbers so that when we receive contributions from a registered group, the District Treasurer can accept that Group. If it is not registered, we send it back with a note to let them know that their Group is not a registered group, but if they would like to be a registered AA group and donate to GSO (because GSO would send it back too), then the Registrar would either send them some information or to meet with them and hand them information about what it takes to be a

registered Group. When Gil meets with Groups to register them, he meets with who the Groups commitment person is whether it be the chairperson, secretary or the Treasurer.

It was brought up that the Groups and Secretaries usually don't know to contact the Registrar whether through the website and / or in any manner and again the solution was explained that there is a system in place where by the District tries to get that information of update requests out to all the Groups by Gil taking and dropping of envelopes or packets to the Groups, the Groups will see if they need to send updates back to us or not. These envelopes / packets are a part of the solution.

The envelopes have the name of the Groups needing to be contacted on the outside along with the time, day and address of the meeting. On the inside, of the envelope is the letter that Gil sends to explain why we need the update information and some General Service pamphlets.

Gil explained again that he always comes to the GSR meeting with those envelopes and at every GSR meeting he asks GSRs if they can take them to meetings and drop them off with secretaries.

Some GSRs wondered if there was an update form at the G.S.R. meeting which they could fill out to update their meeting. Gil explained again that on the GSR sign in sheet it has a specific location with space which asks you a question (Any New Information Changes About Your Home Group). And he can always be contacted by Ph at 805-403-0578 or by his own person E-m address GilEBWFriend@aol.com or by the Registrar@ccaadistrict23.com

Gil said he will again revise that location a little more to make it more plain as to what is asked for so when you sign in. make it more noticeable and Mara will add to each agenda a written announcement as well as to continue announcing to sign in at the GSR meeting, and make any updates to your groups information.

They also wondered if all G.S.R.s new what update information is appropriate to give to Gil which led to a clarification re: that's why you attend a New GSR orientation. Every G.S.R. who hasn't had a New GSR orientation either at the District or Area level in the past 5 years should set up a time with Gil for a new GSR orientation. He will take in to consideration of your time constraints and make the schedule fit times when you both can be available.

8) Committee Reports -

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

A) Special Events: Josh (absent – see DCM report)

B) Website webmaster@ccaadistrict23.com

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

Also Joanne was approached by a member requesting a rack at Mission House. She is passing that request over to Don, the Literature chair.

D) CPC – Gil cpc@ccaadistrict23.com

E) Archives – Naima archives@ccaadistrict23.com

Naima has created a new flier, which she could will email out to all the GSRs so they can let Groups know what is available for them to borrow from the District archives.

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

G) Literature –Don literature@ccaadistrict23.com

Literature committee is busy distributing literature to Groups, but could use one more member to restock the rack at Hospitality House. Don is also looking into a way to AA literature catalogs out to Groups so that they know what AA conference approved literature is available.

H) Accessibilities - David R.(absent) accessibility@ccaadistrict23.com

. David emailed Mara to say that his next step will be to follow up with GSRs who completed the Special Needs questionnaire

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

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

Brian reported that Central Office indeed does have a surplus of \$12,000 at this point in time and also pointed out that Central Office receives donations from individuals as well as Groups. He clarified that his report is only to share information given out at the Central Office meeting. No action needs to be taken by the GSRs on any information that he shares.

K) H & I Liaison – open handi@ccaadistrict23.com

8) Old Business

9) New Business and Birthdays

No Birthdays