

**DISTRICT 43 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 6, 2016**

Opened with the General Service Preamble & reading of Concept II at 9:30 a.m.

Attended by: Hurley T. (DCM), Jess E. (Alt DCM), Billy W. (Treasurer), Susan K. (Secretary) Juan Manuel S., Carlos G., Patrick D., Troy C.

Additions to Agenda: None

Introduction of new people and visitors: Ava R.

DCM Report: No Report (M/2/A)

Alternate DCM Report: New budget at Intergroup was passed tentative to contributions. FCCYPA asked for letter of support in order to bid for Conference here in Fresno. Picnic is May 1st and the next meeting is next Saturday at Central Office. Discussed moving Intergroup Speaker meeting to LOLT. Forgot to ask LOLT. No quorum by end of meeting. Meeting lasted too long. Starting a new by-law committee although there seems to be very little support. M/2/A

Secretary Report: Provided in writing by Susan K. Need to update GSR lists. (M/2/A)

Treasurer Report: Written report attached.

As of January 31, 2016	INCOME	EXPENSES	TOTAL
Month of January 2016	\$7.00	\$767.92	\$(760.92)
Year to Date	\$7.00	\$767.92	\$(760.92)

(M/2/A) Practiced 7th Tradition

End of Year Report - Current balance is \$946.20.

PRAASA - Will need another \$400.00. Next year it will be in Sacramento. Billy appointed to serve as co-chair for Hospitality.

Website Manager Report: No report.

GSR Reports:

Central (Hurley T.): They meeting at the Alano Club on Sunday's at 2:30.

K.I.S. (Jess E.): No changes. He will be talking to them about making contributions to the four entities.

Kingsburg (Troy C.): Got \$25.00 for the District. They were having a problem with people staying at the Fellowship. Had the locks changed. Attendance is about the same.

Last Hoorah (Juan Manuel S.): Wednesday meeting lost some of its main leadership but it has survived. About 15 in attendance. Friday's speaker/discussion fluctuates from 15 to 60 per week.

Selma KIS (Carlos G.): No changes to report.

Sunnyside (Patrick D.): Good attendance on Tuesday and Thursdays. Rob is the new treasurer and they have made a contribution to district.

Old Business:

- Unity Day (Susan K.) – Started on the flyer. Discussed theme of Archives/History. Decided on Speakers and panel. Alanon and Alateen willing to participate. Carlos to set up and clean up as well as coffee. Patrick agreed to help with registration. Dinner will be Mexican food. Troy to provide toilet paper and garbage bags. Discussed having groups provide their histories on poster board. Susan to get more information.

New Business:

- Area Assembly Report (Susan K.) Provided in writing, please see attached.

Next month's meeting will be Saturday, March 5th @ 9:30 a.m. at Central Office.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 10:20 a.m.

Submitted by Susan K. 2/15/2016

**District 43 Finance Report
and Budget For 2016
P.O. Box 4666
Fresno, CA 93744-4666**

Actual Amounts

**2016 BUDGET
AMOUNTS**

Beginning 1/1/2016
Balance

\$1,707.12

	January	YTD	Annual Budgeted	+/-
Income				
7th Tradition	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	248	-241
Committee Friends/Fundraisers				
ACYPAA		\$ -		0
Ice Cream Social		\$ -		0
Events - Group Cont for Pre-Conf Asmbl		\$ -		0
Individual Contributions				
Adjustment		\$ -	0	0
Share of Room mate/Praasa		\$ -		0
Event				
Unity Day (February)		\$ -	0	0
Unity Day (October)		\$ -	0	0
Snack Bar (Assembly)		\$ -	0	0
Anonymous		\$ -	0	0
Total Friends/Fundraisers	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	0	7
Group				
CAP		\$ -		0
Central Fellowship		\$ -		0
Coalinga Fellowship		\$ -		0
Downtown Newcomers		\$ -		0
Early Morning St Therese		\$ -		0
Kingsburg Fellowship		\$ -		0
Fowler Homegroup		\$ -		0
Fresno KIS		\$ -		0
LOLT		\$ -		0
Minkler Group		\$ -		0
New Begginnings		\$ -		0
Outside Group		\$ -		0
Pine Flat Group		\$ -		0
Reedley - Monday Night		\$ -		0
Reedley - Noon		\$ -		0
Reedley - Sunday Night		\$ -		0
San Joaquin Memorial		\$ -		0
San Joaquin/Tranquility		\$ -		0
Sanger - Community Church		\$ -		0
Sanger - St Marys		\$ -		0
Selma KIS		\$ -		0
Steps and Promises		\$ -		0
Soul Solutions		\$ -		0
Squaw Valley Fellowship		\$ -		0
Sunnyside Group		\$ -		0
Village of Hope		\$ -		0
Westside Fellowship		\$ -		0
Total Group Contributions	\$ -	\$ -	1845	-1845
Total Income	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00	2093	-2086
Expense				

Bank Fees				
Bank of America Account fees.	\$ 16.00	\$ 16.00	192	-176
PRAASA				
DCM Room		\$ -	300	-300
DCM Travel	\$ 261.20	\$ 261.20	200	61
DCM Report		\$ -	75	-75
DCM Registration		\$ -	69	-69
Alt-DCM Room		\$ -	300	-300
Alt-DCM Travel	\$ 227.20	\$ 227.20	200	27
Alt-DCM Report		\$ -	75	-75
Alt-DCM Registration		\$ -	69	-69
PI/CPC				
Website hosting/Domain Name		\$ -	116	-116
Literature		\$ -	0	0
Pre-Conf				
Additional late expenses				
Spring Unity Day				
Dinner				
Name Tags				
flyers/programs				
Speaker Gas				
Split Facility				
Fall Unity Day				
Dinner/Snack Bar				
Name Tags				
flyers/programs				
Speaker Gas				
Split Facility				
Rent				
LOLT(Coffee)		\$ -	120	-120
Post Office Box		\$ -	88	-88
Area Committee				
DCM Gas		\$ -	450	-450
Area Assembly				
Rooms	\$ 191.52	\$ 191.52	500	-308
Travel/Registration	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00	300	-228
Meeting/GSR Expenses				
Copies		\$ -	60	-60
Binders		\$ -	60	-60
Area Officer Visits (2)				
GSR School and Delegate Report		\$ -	150	-150
Conference Workshop		\$ -	0	0
Total Expense	\$ 767.92	\$ 767.92	3132	-2364
Balance				
<i>Bank Balance</i>		<i>900.32</i>		
<i>Checks not Cleared</i>		<i>192.00</i>		
<i>Paypal not transferred</i>		<i>-</i>		
<i>Checks not Deposited</i>		<i>-</i>		
<i>Not yet Deposited</i>		<i>237.88</i>		
<i>Balance</i>		<i>*946.20</i>		
<i>Reconciliation</i>		<i>0</i>		

Month	Income	Expenses	Total Inc/Exp
January	\$ 7.00	\$ 767.92	\$ (760.92)
YTD	\$ 7.00	\$ 767.92	\$ (760.92)

CNIA 2016 WINTER ASSEMBLY

January 16 – 17, 2016

Weekend Overview: Welcome to Panel 66. The Language of the Heart is well and alive in CNIA. We are the link between 900 groups and GSO. How can we as a fellowship help other alcoholics who are still suffering? Theme is "Our spiritual way of Life, Steps, Traditions and Concepts". CNIA's future is in our hands. One hundred percent personal anonymity before the public is just as important as anonymity is to our personal recovery.

Liaison Reports:

- H&I – New pink pamphlet is now available. New procedure and new position established. Everything but Corcoran is covered with a coordinator. Need volunteers.
- Young People's are alive and well.

Appointed Chair Reports:

- Need Open Translations person needed as well as E-Services.
- Finance Committee – Selected a chair is Emilia B. Discussed spending plan.
- E-Services – Website can be translated to Spanish by clicking button at right hand top. DCM are being distributed new sign-ons.
- Literature – Report GSO inventory is available. 2015 – 2016 Manuals are available.
- Grapevine – Books and literature available. "New subscription" contest is over but winner has not been announced. Always accepting new stories on prison, Spanish unity & "We do not drink no matter what".
- BTG – Setting up committee. Responding to requests.
- Archives – Will open second weekend in March as they will be in PRASA the first weekend.
- Accents – You can request Accents on line.
- Registrar – Receiving change forms for new elected positions: DCM, GSR, etc.

Officer's Reports:

- **Treasurer:** Working closely with previous Treasurer. Working on spending plan.
- **Alt. Chair** – Working on setting GSR workshops.
- **Chair:** Still need translation chair people. Facilitating a group inventory. PRAASA 2017 will be hosted by us in Sacramento.
- **Alt. Delegate** – Welcomed new GSRs. Looking forward to doing workshops for PI/CPC.

Delegate Report:

Looking for volunteers for PRASA 2017. This year's theme needs to be talked about in groups. "Our Spiritual Way of Life: Steps, Traditions & Concepts".

District Reports

Preconference meals need to be ordered by March 8. PO BOX 242 Ahwahnee CA

GSR Orientation

Panel 1:

- New GSR Experience: Motivation was wrong but it eventually became passionate as understanding and knowledge came. Learned it wasn't about "me", it was about carrying the group conscience to the District and Area. Everyone has value.
- Service Sponsorship: Have a passion for AA. Said yes to service because it gets her out of her head. Learned love and tolerance through service. Service sponsor is a guide. God qualifies the called. It is impressive when you ask questions.

- The Right of Decision: We are not just messengers. Our first “Right of Decision” is done in Step 3. Need to trust our leaders to decide. This authority should not abuse this right. It all centers on trust. Trust in God, AA and others.
- Universal Respect is the Key: Committees are organized, not AA. Leaders lead by example. Respect for others in all meetings is essential. Trusted servants should be “trusted”. Love and tolerance is our code. Mutual respect is essential for a healthy group.

Panel 2:

- What is the Conference? – Delegate represents our Area’s our group consciences that they receive from the GSR’s at the Preconference Assembly.
- Sharing the Agenda Items with your group – Be informed, what the process is and be passionate. Food helps.
- The Ultimate Authority (Concept 1) – Trusteeship created confidence in AA as a whole. Trustees answer to the Delegates. The AA group is the Ultimate authority.
- The Active Voice (Concept 2) – That voice is the group. Delegate to the GSR their wants and thoughts. We need to speak our individual voices so that we continue to grow.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2016

Breakout Session Reports

Panel 3:

- FAQ’s About the Agenda Items – Thirteen agenda areas: Literature, PI/CPC, Finances, etc. Due date for topics is December. Service Sponsor, PRAASA, workshops & District meetings, as well as “Background Information” are good sources of information. You get agenda items from DCM. Choose topics that effect or items that group will be interested. You can gather information from group by holding one or meetings, handing out surveys, etc. Informed group conscience is the group’s opinion, not the GSR’s. GSR provides background information and ideas they have heard from other groups, districts and area.
- Plain Language Big Book – Listen and report as if I have opinion. Not changing the Big Book, asking for another translation that the reader can understand as quickly as possible. Proposal was made to reach remote communities with regards to language. It is hoped this translation can carry message to remote, low literacy comprehension and indigenous people. Want to change 850 words.
- Mental Health Literature – Medical professional should diagnosis and prescribe medications. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Mental health is stigma in society and AA. Primary purpose of group is carrying the message to alcoholics who still suffer.
- Three Talks by Bill W. – Cooperation with the Professional Community on Page S61 in AA Service Manual. Talks by Bill were to the Professional communities. Talking about retiring the pamphlet because of being outdated in language and content. GSO wants to keep it for Archival purposes. Same language as the Big Book.

Discussion on agenda item – Plain Language Big Book

Ask It Basket

Closed

2016 General Service Conference Committees
Preliminary Agenda Items

Below are the preliminary agenda items for the 66th General Service Conference committees as of November 3, 2015. During the February meetings of the trustees' committees, additional items received by the December 15th deadline may be assigned to appropriate Conference committees. Please keep in mind that this is a *preliminary* list and agenda items may be added or subject to change by the trustees' committees at the February board weekend.

I. **Agenda**

II. **Archives**

- Explore ways to encourage groups to write or update their histories.
- Review the Archives workbook.

III. **Cooperation With the Professional Community**

- Review contents of C.P.C. Kit and Workbook.
- Consider retiring the pamphlet "Three Talks to Medical Societies by Bill W."

IV. **Corrections**

- Review contents of Corrections Kit and Workbook.

V. **Finance**

VI. **Grapevine**

- Review Audio Strategy status update.
- Consider list of suggested Grapevine book topics for 2017 or later.
- Review Grapevine Workbook.

VII. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.

VIII. Literature

- Consider the development of a plain language version of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Review a report on the lack of corresponding pagination between Conference-approved digital and print books.

IX. Policy/Admissions

- Review report from the trustees' Committee on the General Service Conference regarding Conference observers from other fellowships.
- Consider request that all Conference members be sent the same background material, with the exception of digital media and works in progress.
- Review dates for the 2019 General Service Conference.

X. Public Information

- Review contents of P.I. Kit and Workbook.

XI. Report and Charter

- *The A.A. Service Manual, 2016-2017 Edition:*
 1. Review list of editorial updates.
 2. Consider draft text for a new section on "Local Forums" to be added to Chapter 9.
 3. Review report on alternative publishing schedules.
- Consider removing "Endnote #4" of Concept XII on page 73 of *Twelve Concepts for World Service*.
- Discuss A.A. Directories (Canada, Eastern U.S., Western U.S., and International).

- Discuss General Service Conference *Final Report*.
 - Review report from the Publishing Department on the feasibility of producing a large print format.

XII. Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities

- Consider removing “Special Needs” from the committee name, Cooperation With the Professional Community/Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities and throughout their Composition, Scope and Procedure.
- Review contents of Treatment Committee Kit and Workbook.
- Review contents of Special Needs-Accessibilities Kit and Workbook.

XIII. Trustees

- Review resumes of candidates for:
 1. West Central trustee
 2. Western Canada trustee
- Review slates of trustees and officers of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous, Inc.
- Review slate of directors of A.A. World Services, Inc.
- Review slate of directors of A.A. Grapevine, Inc.

XIV. International Conventions/Regional Forums

- Discuss ways to encourage interest in Regional Forums and attract first-time attendees.