

DISTRICT 43 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2015

Opened with the General Service Preamble & reading of Concept VI at 2:05 p.m.

Attended by: Susan K. (Secretary) Ray H. (Website Manager) Jami D., Carlos G., Jesse E., Mike G., Sheryl G., Mike B., Joe S.

Additions to Agenda: None

DCM Report: Written report attached. (M/2/A)

Alternate DCM Report: No report

Secretary Report: Provided in writing by Susan K. (M/2/A)

Treasurer Report: Written report attached.

As of May 31, 2015	INCOME	EXPENSES	TOTAL
Month of May 2015	\$20.00	\$123.57	\$(103.57)
Year to Date	\$2,560.23	\$1,046.78	\$1,513.45

(M/2/A) Group voted to purchase two cans of coffee to LOLT. Seventh Tradition taken, \$14,00 contributed. We need to start paying some rent to LOLT.

Website Manager Report: PayPal, Contact, and Contribution options are now available on the Website. Purchased the "Domain Name" for \$32.00 for two years. Ray to be refunded by Treasurer. We need to start paying some rent to LOLT.

PI/CPC Report: No Report

GSR Reports:

Central (Jami D.): They have filled their Steering Committee openings. Struggling to get people in service. The Tuesday and Thursday 5:30 and 7:30 pm meetings are well attend. They are behind on rent.

Fowler (Joe S.): Picnic is to be held August 22nd at Fowler Park between 11:00 and 3:00. Attendance at meetings is good and they are in the black financially.

Fresno K.I.S. (Jesse E.): No changes.

LOLT (Mike G.): The group is rocking! Attendance is good and finances are in the black. Talking about their annual picnic to be held September 5th.

Outside Group (Mike B.): They have two new secretaries for the Wednesday and Thursday 6:00 pm meetings. Wednesday is a chip meeting. Speaker meeting is on Friday's at 7:00 pm. Currently having an issue regarding court required signatures and people coming in late still wanting their slips signed. Currently it is up to the secretary's discretion. Finances are in the black.

Reedley Monday Noon (Sheryl G.): A small group but doing well. A lot of old-timers.

Reedley Monday Night (Sheryl G.): Currently looking for a secretary.

Reedley Sunday (Sheryl G.): Doing well.

Reedley Thursday (Sheryl G.): Struggling financially. Very small group of 3 to five. In need of women with recovery. To give a flyer to Web Manager.

Squaw Valley (Sheryl G.): Doing well and in the black.

Selma - Keep It Simple (Carlos G.): Things going well. Attendance on Friday night is 10 – 25 people. Finances are in the black.

Old Business:

Election of Alternate DCM: Jess E. nominated and unanimously voted in.

Monthly Meeting Place and Time: Discussion – Final vote was to have District 43 Business meeting on the first Saturday of the month at 9:30 am at LOLT.

Unity Day: Tabled until next month.

New Business: None

Next month's meeting will be Saturday, July 4th @ 9:30 am at LOLT

Closed with the Responsibility Statement @ 2:50 p.m.

Submitted by Susan K. 6/12/2015

TEMPLATE of FORMAT for REPORTS

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AREA 07 REPORT for MINUTES – PANEL 64

Hurley Thompson District Committee Member – 43 Post Conference

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Our last business meeting was held Saturday – May 2, 2015 at Central Office. There were 7 in attendance. The meeting was opened with the reading of the General Service Preamble, follow by the reading of Concept V.

- We discuss the success of hosting Pre Conference. The assembly brought unity in the district in participation, and contributions. We had volunteers from all over the district, and the interest in general service has increased tremendously.
- We also set a tentative date for our next Unity Day, (October 3, 2015).
- We will take elect an Alternate DCM at our next meeting, as the status of the current one is unknown.
- Financially the district is in better shape due to group contribution is up.
- Finally, we will bring up moving our meeting place to Central Office, permanently.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Hurley T.
DCM District 43

Pre Conference

District 43 would like thank you all for making Pre Conference such an overwhelming success. The final count should have been sent by our treasurer with his report.

Notes from 2015 Post-Conference Assembly

- **Delegate Kelley M provided his Delegate Report of the 65th General Service Conference. He is willing to visit your District and provide his report. Please contact him through his contact information in the Accents.**

Reports

- Future 2015 Accents will have articles from Area trusted servants on their commitments.
- Archives will not be open the first Saturday in June due to the Northern CA Council of AA Conference in Auburn.
- E-Services is looking at Cisco Webex for teleconferencing the ACM. They are trying to upload cnia.org in Spanish.
- The Finance Committee has an open position for a DCM. 2016 Spending Plan discussion begins in June.
- CA leads in the Grapevine Subscription Challenge with an 11.5% increase. La Viña has a 14.4% increase.
- The Translation Committees want volunteers. If you volunteer for Written Translation, you will translate 2-3 pages a month. Celia edits it so spelling, accents and details don't need to be perfect. Verbal Translation really needs help. You just try your best.
- The Registrar sent a copy of our new Area map to each DCM.
- The Secretary interviewed multiple past or current Secretaries (Recording, General and Meeting) about their commitment and wrote a document. It is available.
- The Area paid all current expenses and filed all government filings. In April, the Area dipped into the Prudent Reserve as planned for. We will replace the funds soon.
- The Alt-Chair thanks District 43 for their hard work on Pre-Conference Assembly!
- The 14th Foro (Forum) will be Sunday December 13 in Sacramento. Please reserve the date. The next NCCAA Conference is in Auburn June 5-7. Delegate Kelley M will present his report on the Conference there.
- The next PI/CPC Sharing Session is at North Hall in Sacramento from 2pm-4pm. The guest speaker is Brad E, a deputy district attorney.
- Group 3 in Sacramento is having their 70th Anniversary at 7pm on June 20. Elk Grove Fellowship is having their 14th anniversary on June 20.
- There is a Unity Day Picnic On June 13th at Discovery Park in Sacramento from 10am-2pm. Districts 17, 19, 23, 24, 25, 27, and 29 will participate.
- District 33 will have a Unity Day on either October 3 or 4.
- District 36 will have a Unity Day on September 27 at Lake Yosemite from 11am-4pm. Past Delegates Marianne H, Inez Y and Paul C will speak.
- District 40 will have a Unity Day on September 13 in Mariposa.
- District 41 will visit Area Archives on June 13.
- District 47 will host a CPC workshop to inform professionals of AA on June 13.
- District 53's anniversary will be June 21.
- The next Interdistrict meeting will be July 12 at Grupo Progreso in Citrus Heights.

Business

- District 37 DCM Jeff P made the following motion: I move that California Northern Interior Area 07 support the proposed agenda item from the Stockton Group on updating the pamphlet

“Twelve Traditions Illustrated.” If approved, this would include a letter requesting an agenda item to update the pamphlet “Twelve Traditions Illustrated” from the CNIA Delegate to the General Service Conference Secretary.

- It was amended to have it ask that the “Twelve Traditions Illustrated” pamphlet be placed as one of the first pieces of literature for revision. This amendment was made because a committee consideration from the 2015 Literature Committee is that the trustees’ Literature Committee develop a plan for the systematic review of recovery literature and present that to the 2016 Conference Literature Committee.
- The motion was discussed briefly then tabled. It will be discussed at ACMs and Election Assembly.
- District 25 Babes in Recovery GSR Nancy K presented a proposal to add more references to Bridging the Gap into the Service Manual. Specifically, she wants to “clarify and amplify” BTG potentially being in the Glossary on page S19 or in Other Officers on page S46 or in the Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities section on page S61.
- The proposal was discussed with much appreciation given for BTG. It will be discussed further at ACMs and Election Assembly.
- The proposal Nancy K wrote was distributed and I will email it to you.

Normal Delegate Report

- Two Class A Trustee vacancies will be filled in 2016. Résumés must be submitted by July 24. The Board will discuss at the October board meeting.
- An Appointed Committee Member to the trustees’ Corrections Committee is being sought. Contact Kelley for desired skills and the requirements.
- A map showing countries where the Big Book is translated at various points in time is available from Kelley.
- By this Fall there will be a request for stories to update the AA for the Woman pamphlet.

Proposal to Add Bridging the Gap to A.A. Service Manual

Nancy Karvonen
GSR, District 25, Area 07
May 14, 2015

1. Purpose

To clarify and amplify a brief description of Bridging the Gap, a temporary contact program, under Glossary of General Service Terms on Page S19, and/or Other Officers on Page S46, or Treatment/Special Needs-Accessibilities on Page S61 in the A.A. Service Manual. Currently the only mention of this important program that carries the message to those who have been confined is in passing and in lower case print on Page S61.

Experience shows that even though a client may have been participating in a group or meeting in a treatment facility or outpatient setting, there is anxiety about the transition to a regular group on the outside. With the reminder that A.A. has only sobriety to offer, many committees do try to provide some additional personal contact so this transition period can be made easier. In many places, this is referred to as "bridging the gap" between treatment and a home group.

Part of Bridging the Gap between an individual in a facility and A.A. is the Temporary Contact Program, which is designed to help the alcoholic in an alcoholism treatment program make that transition. Simply put, a temporary contact is an A.A. member who works with clients who are being discharged from treatment settings and helps them bridge the gap to A.A. in the local community.

2. Experience

Although I have had limited experience with Bridging the Gap since first hearing about it in the early 1990's, this is an area of service in which many others as well as myself are interested. District 25 held a well-attended Bridging the Gap workshop this year, which resulted in starting the first BTG Committee in our District and generating interest in other districts. I am currently working with a Bridging the Gap contact.

3. Highlight points of literature

Included are copies of the Bridging the Gap pamphlet; the White Card; A.A. Bridging the Gap Program; A.A. Guidelines; A.A. Temporary Contact; Treatment Committee Workbook Pg 19-24; and Box 459; which explain what the program is and how it works.

4. Why do we need this action?

Bridging the Gap started 24 days after Alcoholics Anonymous on July 4, 1935 when Bill W. and Dr. Bob visited Bill D. in Akron, Ohio's St. Thomas Hospital. (*Dr. Bob and the Good Oldtimers, Pg. 85*).

Bridging the Gap is included in the General Service Area service structure, yet the only mention of this program is made on Page S61 in the A.A. Service Manual. If Bridging the Gap is a part of General Service, it seems only right that it be included in the A.A. Service Manual along with the other service entities.

One of the more "slippery" places in the journey to sobriety is between the door of the setting and the nearest A.A. group or meeting. Having this information in the A.A. Service manual would help spread the message to those interested in this important area of service that there is help for the confined alcoholic between the institution and the A.A. meeting.

5. Next Step

This is a request that this proposal be added as an Agenda Item to consider as discussion. After a discussion of the proposal at the Post Conference Assembly and getting a sense of the Area the results will be sent to New York for consideration.

District 43 Treasurer Report for June 2015

If you have noticed the website we now have the contributions tab at the top right of the page. I am however hoping it gets renamed from donations to contributions. The link isn't completed yet but I anticipate it will be working soon. I don't know how the logistics will work as to the group accounting from those contributions.

This is yet to be seen. Please let me know via email if you use Paypal for a contribution.

We did not get together this month to open the saving account and will be working toward that this week.

I have a project for the October Unity Day. I will present this in July. I am guessing we will move the July meeting forward due to the Independence holiday.

I look forward to online registration for the Unity Day as well solidifying the agenda by August for it.

In Service,

Billy Walker,

District 43 Finance Report and Budget For 2015

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Actual Amounts

2015 BUDGET AMOUNTS

Beginning 1/1/2015		\$81.69		
Balance				
	May	YTD	Annual Budgeted	+/-
Income				
7th Tradition		\$ 77.00	248	-171
Committee Friends/Fundraisers				
ACYPAA		\$ -		0
Ice Cream Social		\$ -		0
Events - Group Cont for Pre-Conf Asmb		\$1,094.42		1094
Individual Contributions				
Adjustment		\$ 51.00	0	51
Share of Room mate/Praasa		\$ 122.00		122
Event				
Unity Day (February)		\$ 437.25	0	437
Unity Day (October)		\$ -	0	0
Snack Bar (Assembly)		\$ 578.50	0	579
Anonymous		\$ 55.06	0	55
Total Friends/Fundraisers	\$ -	\$2,415.23	0	2415
Group				
CAP		\$ -		0
Central Fellowship		\$ -		0
Coalinga Fellowship		\$ -		0
Downtown Newcomers		\$ -		0
Early Morning St Therese		\$ 5.00		5
Kingsburg Fellowship		\$ 25.00		25
Fresno KIS		\$ 5.00		5
LOLT		\$ -		0
Minkler Group		\$ -		0
New Begginnings		\$ -		0
Outside Group	\$ 20.00	\$ 60.00		60
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		\$ 50.00		50
Village of Hope		\$ -		0
Westside Fellowship		\$ -		0
Total Group Contributions	\$ 20.00	\$ 145.00	1845	-1700
Total Income	\$ 20.00	\$2,560.23	2093	467
Expense				
Bank Fees				

Bank of America Account fees.		\$ 48.00	192	-144
PRAASA				
DCM Room		\$ 365.43	300	65
DCM Travel		\$ -	200	-200
DCM Report		\$ -	75	-75
DCM Registration		\$ 69.00	69	0
PI/CPC				
Website hosting/Domain Name		\$ -	0	0
Literature		\$ -	0	0
Pre-Conf				
Additional late expenses	74.57			
Unity Day				
Dinner				
Name Tags				
flyers/programs				
Speaker Gas				
Split Facility				
Rent				
LOLT(Coffee)		\$ -	120	-120
Post Office Box	\$ 49.00	\$ 49.00	88	-39
Area Committee				
DCM Gas		\$ 20.00	450	-430
Area Assembly				
Rooms		\$ 80.00	500	-420
Travel/Registration		\$ -	300	-300
Meeting/GSR Expenses				
Copies		\$ -	60	-60
Binders		\$ -	60	-60
Area Officer Visits (2)				
GSR School and Delegate Report		\$ -	150	-150
Conference Workshop		\$ 29.91	0	30
Total Expense	\$ 123.57	\$ 1,046.78	2372	-1325
Balance	\$1,595.14			
Bank Balance		1,624.14		
Checks not Cleared		49.00		
Paypal not transferred		-		
Checks not Deposited		20.00		
Balance		1,595.14		
Pre-Conf		-		
Bank Balance for District		1,595.14		
Reconciliation		-		

Month	Income	Expenses	Total Inc/Exp
May	\$ 20.00	\$ 123.57	\$ (103.57)
YTD	\$ 2,560.23	\$ 1,046.78	\$ 1,513.45