

Minutes Area 69 Committee Meeting Dec 1, 2007 American Legion Brigham City, Utah

Welcome Andy B., Chair – with a moment of silence, followed by the Serenity Prayer, Preamble and Anonymity Statement. Welcomed newcomers to their first General Service Meeting. Introduced Area Officers and Past Delegates.

12 Traditions Wade J., - District 2

Minutes of November Area Fall Workshop read by Sheri P., Recording Secretary – Approved as read.

Financial Report read by Nadine N., Treasurer – Approved as read.

Bid for 2008 December Area Committee Meet Thom B., Agenda Chair – Janet H Dist 7 won the bid.

District Reports

District 1 Vicky A., DCMC – Welcome to Brigham City. Thanks to the members of the committee. The district is in the process of approving our 2008 budget. The guidelines review committee met in November and will be presented in Dec. One item proposed is planning for PRAASA & Forum travel & defrayment to take place at the DCM planning meeting at least 2 months prior to the event. I will be celebrating 11 years of sobriety this month. I owe a lot of that to service.

District 2 Wade J., DCMC – We have formed a Pre-Conference Committee & reserved the Heritage Center at the University of Utah. We will have flyers & further information at the Area Committee Meeting. We will also get the info to Doug ASAP to get on the Web Site. We have elected a new Bridging The Gap Chair and are excited in moving forward with this position. We have voted and passed the new budget & financially we are doing very well. Contributions are up. We formed and thoroughly went through the guidelines. Thanks for the life you have taught me.

District 3 Ramsey., DCM – Everything is going good. We are having a workshop on December 8, at St. Mary's church in Provo. It is from 10-1pm. We will be talking about Traditions 3,5, and 12. There are flyers on the back table. We are also have a Christmas party on December 15 at the Spanish Fork fairgrounds. Respectfully submitted

District 4 – No Report

District 5 – No Report

District 6 – No Report

District 7 Janet H., for Lauana DCMC – Our DCMC asked to be excused today. The District committee was thrilled by the attendance at the Fall Workshop. Thanks for your support. We are not currently having a lot of GSR's attending district meetings and we have some open positions in the district. But the groups are being very supportive and we are financially sound. There has been a lot of interest and support for the juvenile and adult correctional facilities. The treatment centers are also very supportive of our program and have their clients attending various meetings. The Wellness Center at Dixie College has contacted us for directories and pamphlets. Our district meeting next Sat will be combined as Workshop/Christmas party/pot luck. We're hoping for good attendance and showing that service work is not all work. If you are in Cedar on the 8th at 2:00 pm stop by the Primary Purpose, 223 No 100 W and join us. I (Lauana) very much appreciated the DCMC meeting that was held during the Fall Workshop. It was very informative and helpful. I have a motion to present today from that meeting and have asked Janet to present it.

District 8 Nadine N for John G., DCM - Greetings from Unita Basin. We've got all our chain Positions covered. Especially encouraging is the headway in our corrections work. We've had trouble getting Big Books into the Vernal Jail, but thanks to the work of our persistent chair Dan, we've got books in all the blocks now. We're going to invite as many correction people as we can to attend our Bridging The Gap workshop in June. We pray to get back into the Duchesne County jail again. Joleen has gotten P.S.A.'s to all the radio stations out here. Our District MTG's are well attended. We've been blessed with a lot of newcomers lately. All our groups are focusing on the basics of being a good strong and informed Home Groups. We read, study, and discuss the "AA Group" pamphlet after every District MTG. Thank you all for Participating in our Area 69 inventory. I wish I could be there.

District 9 – No Report

District 10 Karen C., DCMC – We still need 3 DCM's and 5 Alt DCM's, and a treatment chair. John M did a presentation last month at our GSR meeting to drum up some excitement. We did our district inventory and discovered that the GSR's wanted guidance and information to take back to their groups. We formed an AdHoc Committee

chaired by our grapevine rep Michelle to look into the feasibility of a district newsletter. We currently have our monthly meeting the first Monday of the month at the Alano Club, but we are looking for a new location due to the uncertainty of the club.

District 11 Bruce I., DCMC – We hosted a Workshop entitled the “AA Home Group”. Our special guests, Jim and Mickey H., joined us for an informative panel presentation. Also 4 members of the Area committee John M, Andy B, Charlie G., and Monty S supported us. It was the first workshop we’ve held in 4 years. All seemed to enjoyed the discussion and fellowship provided. Our next workshop is scheduled for the end of January 2008. We will distribute flyers and list it on the website. Our challenge is to somehow encourage more participation within our District. We would welcome any suggestions you may have. Currently we have several hot topics that created interest in District business. One of them is the perennial favorite, money. In past reports it was mentioned we have what appears to be a surplus. There are funds which have accumulated for no stated A.A. purpose, and that has generated loving discussion to find a solution. We are trying to decide what our Prudent Reserve, Operating Cash on hand, and Distribution Plan for any excess should be. As stated at the Fall Assembly, we want to first examine the need of the District. It has already been proposed we experiment with the BTG program and use some money for that. A proposed budget for 2008 was introduced at our last District Meeting. Along with a proposed budget for BTG, there is task of adding a new BTG Standing Chair. As in most places, these responsibilities are shared by the Corrections and Treatment Chairs. It might be interesting to allow someone a chance to function in this capacity and see what results they accomplish. Another item is a plan to alternate our meeting place each month between a location in the North and one in the South. Currently we meet at the Backstreet Club in Bountiful, Utah. Besides the north-South issue we are considering accessibility. The Club is on the 2nd floor and no elevator, which makes it difficult for some members. On behalf of District 11 I’d like to express our wish to all of you for a Joyous Holiday Season. And for myself I would like to say thanks for allowing me this opportunity to serve. Respectfully Yours.

District 12 Carlos., DCM

Roll Call by Charlie G., Area Registrar – In attendance were 6 Area Officers – 6 Standing Chairs – 2 Past Delegates – District 1 1 DCMC, 2 DCM, 1 Alt DCM, 4 GSR, 1 Stdg Chair – District 2 1 DCMC, 1 DCM, 1 Stdg Chair – District 3 1 DCM, 4 GSR – District 4 , 5, 6, No attendance – District 7 1 Stdg Chair – District 8, 9 No attendance – District 10 1 DCMC 2 DCM, 1 Alt DCM, 2 GSR – District 11 1 DCMC – Dist 12 1 Alt DCM 1 GSR – CO Reps 1 – Interested AA 4 Total Attendance 46

Standing Chair Reports

Agenda Assembly – Thom B – I am an alcoholic, my name is Thom Boyle. It’s my privilege to serve area 69 as Agenda/Assembly Chair. I was unable to get to a copy shop prior to being here. There are old event calendars at the registrars table. The website has the most accurate and up to date calendar. After this event I will have an accurate calendar available. I had the privilege of giving a 10 minute talk on concept X1 at “An AA Group” 2 weeks ago.

Literature – Pete G – It’s hard to believe that Panel 57 is half way over. During the Fall Workshop literature sales were higher than average. I had the opportunity to attend District 7’s District meeting. District 7 is very active in Corrections, and there was much interest in items being offered by GSO at a reduced price. I have no doubt that the focus for the literature chair on having material available for sale at these events has been a successful addition to the services. It is gratifying and humbling to be of service to you all. I’ve got one of the best service jobs in Area 69 because from each event, I come away with more friends in the program. I have turned by budget over four times. The added benefit of members becoming aware of AA literature and purchasing it at either their Central Office or directly from GSO is difficult to monitor but easy to appreciate as more literature ends up in the hands of those who still suffer in jails and institutions. If additional funds are allotted to the Literature committee, it only stands to reason that we will help more alcoholics. For pamphlets the new cover design should be available for all pamphlets in 2008. For the Area published material, a review of the information contained in these pamphlets is due, so that the information we carry is as valuable and up-to-date as possible. There is a large potential for CD’s, videos and audio AA material, which has yet to be fully realized. Making others aware of this excellent way to learn more about AA ought to be a goal for us all. If we, the General Service members don’t carry this new information back to the groups who will? Attending the second annual Spanish-speaking convention held in Salt Lake City this past October was a great gesture for Area 69. I have taken this opportunity to add Spanish literature to the material that I bring to these events. Trudging into my third year as literature chair, I find my words unable to express how grateful I am to be able to serve you. This has been one heck of a twelve-step call on me and you have allowed me to add quality to my sobriety. I can only pray to have been able to add quality to your sobriety also. Let literature carry the message, even when we aren’t there. Yours in Service

Communications – Doug R – The Communications Committee continues to meet on the second Monday of the month with anywhere from three to six members attending. We meet at 500 East 900 South in SLC at Beans & Br3w at 6:30

pm, all are welcome to attend. The committee continues to maintain the website's meeting lists with the cooperation of the various Central Offices and the Districts. In the last "snail mailing" of the Area's business documents we included a form that requested those that have Internet access to consider getting their business docs via e-mail or the Area's website. I hope everyone has replied to that request. If not please let our Registrar, Charlie know what your preference is. This could save the Area thousands of dollars a year in postage expenses. I would also like to extend a challenge to all of those in attendance here today. Please write an article for the Pre-Conference newsletter. The deadline is March 8, 2008. Please submit them online o. Any topic would be greatly appreciated. Maybe on our theme and discussion topics of the year. Which is, "Communication and Participation – The Key to Unity and Self-Support"

Corrections – Renae H – Area 69 corrections activities are running smoothly throughout all the districts. Each District has been independent in handling the pre contact/bridge the gap requests that have been coming in. I'm receiving good feedback from volunteers that inmates are receiving correspondence from the outside AA contacts & they are very excited to have received the letters. If you have signed up to be a contact and have not yet had a call from me or your district BTC coordinator, its really a neat deal to be part of the process somewhere along the line of their recovery. I received notice from Gayle at the corrections desk in New York that the book "AA in Prison: Inmate to Inmate is now being offered "Buy one case of 20 books & get one case of 20 books Free. If any correction committee is interested, please let me know or order by phone directly with Andrea Brennan. I look forward to the new year in service & wish everyone a joyous & peaceful holiday season. In love and service.

Archives – Janet H. – The archives have been pretty quiet since my report in Nov, but there have been a couple of items donated. The Grapevine book, "Lo Mejor De La Vina, 1996-2006", signed by the editor. The History book, "Our Stories Disclose" of the Western Washington area. Snapshot was sent to me of a display board that an archivist in CA made following our pattern. He saw ours at the National Workshop and contacted me about six weeks ago concerning how to make one. He did it a little different, but from the picture it turned out well. He did not have very many pictures to work with. His area liked the board a lot. That's what it all about sharing ideas and information. I have a display board here today for the Brigham Alano Club. I have spent the last month buying a home. It is in Cedar, my address and phone number will not change. Charlie passed on the CD of the Archive Ad-Hoc presentation made at the Fall Assembly. Sheri gave me the mtg tapes from the Fall Workshop today so that the questions concerning the Ad-Hoc Motions can be addressed. We (Committee) are planning to have the supporting information for the Feb Mtg. Thank you Brigham for hosting today. I wish everyone a joyous holiday season. Thank you for letting me be of service to you.

CPC – Jared stood to qualify himself – Will vote at Pre Conference.

Grapevine – Sheryl T – Since the September event in Rockville, the word has spread about the Grapevine inventory items available for sale. At the November Dist 10 GSR meeting, Michelle C distributed a rough draft flyer with the items available listed. Michelle said she'd have a nicer colored flyer available at the Dec 3rd Dist 10 GSR meeting. Several members & groups have purchased Grapevine inventory items since September. We have sold all of the back issues of the Grapevine and more will be ordered because so much interest has been shown in purchasing them in 50 magazine lots. In addition to the past issues, books & CD's have also been purchased. Grapevine News – there are two brand new CD's available from Grapevine Inc. One is entitled "Attitude Adjustment" AA Stories about change. The second CD is a history of AA in Spanish. The website has been updated. The gray pages are back. These have info geared toward individuals who are not members of AA including professionals was told a week ago that when AA had a need AA members would come forward to meet that need. I have been amazed by the outpouring of support and help with purchases since the need was expressed. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Delegate Report – Julie S

Reports Upcoming

PRAASA – Monte S. – The 2008 I did a PRAASA is set to charge off March 7th and finish on March 9th. There will be AA Service Musher's from throughout the Pacific Region joining for a weekend of General Service discussion and fellowship. This year's event in Anchorage Alaska will be held literally within barking distance of the starting line of the 2008 IDITAROD. Both the Hilton and Howard Johnson still have rooms available. Room rates are \$79.00 at Howard Johnson (rate code LKPR) and \$99.00 at the Hilton (rate code PRA). The hotels have extended their rates for us from March 1st through the 12th. Lodging and other PRAASA information is available on the website at PRAASA.ORG or area02alaska.org. You can only use Alaska Air out of Seattle or Las Vegas and flights ranged in price from \$%65. out of Seattle to Anchorage or \$605.00 from Las Vegas to Anchorage with a 6 hour layover. Delta has a Round-trip non-stop out of Salt Lake City right now for \$697.00. Coming home is a challenge because the flight leaves Anchorage at Midnight Sunday the 9th and gets into Salt Lake at 7:30 AM Monday the 10th. I spoke with Ken K , PRAASA co-chair, and he reminded me that Alaska Air travel can be unpredictable in the late winter early spring.

The PRAASA Guidelines state—The purpose of PRAASA is to develop greater unity among the members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific Region; to encourage the exchange of ideas and experiences; and to provide opportunity for members to discuss pertinent aspects of AA. The Assembly and PRAASA committee should always foster the Recovery, Unity and Service legacies of AA. PRAASA began in 1968 and has rotated locations throughout the Pacific Region since. It was 1994 when Alaska hosted PRAASA in Juneau. It is a full weekend and an event that we hope all AA's get to experience. Thank you for allowing me to serve this God given fellowship and for allowing me to participate in this year's PRAASA. Your group contributions help defray the Area officers to attend this event and we are forever grateful.

PRE CONFERENCE – Wade J – Pre Conference Assembly Dist 2 has a committee and has reserved the Heritage Center at U of U. The time will be April 4-6 2008. Flyers will be at the Area Committee Meeting. We will get the info to Doug so it can get on the Website ASAP. Maps and Parking info will be on the flyer.

PAST EVENTS

FALL WORKSHOP – Theresa J – On behalf of District 7 and the committee, I would like to thank everyone that attended and supported this event. A special thanks to those who participated, speakers, and those who stayed and helped clean up the center. There were 61 pre-registrations and 59 at the door. We fed 172 people at the luncheon. 120 AA's (plus) 54 AI-Anon's. The facility expense was \$350. the awesome bingo game hosted by UCYPAA collected \$175 in donations. Thank you to everyone who played and donated. We are very excited to return to Area 69 the \$100 seed money plus \$1030. thanks again to all who supported this event. Yours in Service

Closed at 11:30 with the Serenity Prayer

Reconvened at 1:00 p.m. – Area Inventory was conducted by Jodi E.

Adjourned at 4:30 p.m.