

Minutes, Utah Area 69 Fall Assembly September 23-25, 2005, Logan, Utah

Welcome: Julie S., Chairperson opened the meeting with a moment of silence followed by the Serenity Prayer and Area Preamble. Newcomers to service were recognized. Officers and past Delegates were introduced. Welcomed from the Grapevine Board were Mike and Ray, Hernan the editor of the LaVina from GSO. Introduced Phyllis H., our Regional Trustee. Thanks Jeanine and George from Area 93, California, for bringing the Translation equipment.

12 Traditions were read by Lettie W., GSR, District 10.

Minutes of August 2005 Area Committee Meeting were presented by JoAnn G., Recording Secretary. Approved as read.

Financial Report for September 24, 2005 was presented by Sheri P., Treasurer. Approved as read. She then presented the proposed budget for 2006. After discussion and voted on each item changed from the 2005 budget, it was approved with reducing the Newsletter by \$200.00 and adding an additional \$50.00 to the CPC, Corrections, PI and Treatment Chairs.

Bid for 2007 Fall Assembly conducted by Monte S. The only bid was presented by Andy B. DCMC, District 10. Bid was presented to District 10.

Delegate's Report was presented by Mike O., Delegate. Written copies were available to all in attendance.

DISTRICT REPORTS

District 1 - Eddie D., DCMC - Welcomed everyone to event. Have an active Treatment Chair, Lewis. He had opportunity to attend the National Bridge the Gap Workshop. Secretary stepped down, have a new DCM and CPC Chair. Getting slightly better in District.

District 2 - Thom B., DCMC - Privilege to serve District. Lacking people to fill positions. Had the opportunity to fill in as P.O. Chair. Holding a workshop in October, topic 12 Concepts. Host committee working on Post Conference 2006. Groups supporting District financially. Pink can for Corrections is still doing it's job. Thanks to Mike for sharing Conference report with us. Thanks to District 1 for hosting event and welcome friends from New York. Love in service.

District 3 - John P., DCMC, given by Mitch J., DCM - Apologize for not attending, due to wife's injuries and my own health. Gratitude to Mike and Shirley O. for attending Central Office fun raiser. It was a success and raised \$1,266.40 for Utah Valley Central Office. Workshop to be held October 15th. Putting together Area Committee Meeting to be held in American Fork. Expressed sadness of the passing of Orson B. He had 20 years and was an asset to District 3 and we wish to honor his name.

District 4 - No Report.

District 5 - No Report.

District 6 - LeRoy B., DCM - Still have several service positions open. Meeting attendance is slightly up. Have our District 6 Fall Workshop set for November 19th. Flyer on the back table.

District 7 - Steve S., DCMC - Have plans for District inventory, guideline changes and work with hospitals. All positions are filled and able to defray 3 DCM's and DCMC to this Fall Assembly. Financially stable, participation increases. Fall Assembly committee being formed and looking forward to a good turn out.

District 8 - Nadine N., DCM - Our District is doing well. Still have district and group positions open. We are self-supporting and getting geared up for Fall Workshop Nov. 5th and 6th in Vernal. Please make hotel reservations early due to families living in motels due to employment situation.

District 9 - No Report.

District 10 - Andy B., DCMC - Currently working on guidelines review. Sent 2006 proposed budget to groups to be voted on in November. District elections held in September GSR meeting. Rotate 5 DCM's and Alt. DCM's, most positions were filled. Elected a new P.I. Chair. Thanks to Mike O., Delegate for helping with elections. Privilege to serve and to help carry the message.

District 11 - Gary J., DCMC given by Bruce I., DCM - Thanks to everyone for attending Pre-Assembly Workshop last month. Grateful that we had opportunity to host event. Placing emphasize on serving groups in District, better links with Area, community and groups. "Bridging the Gap" efforts are being reviewed so can improve effectiveness. Gathering a committee to find location to host 2007 Post-Conference Assembly. District is financially solvent, maintain prudent reserve for emergencies. Invite all to GSR meeting, 2nd Wednesday of month at Backstreet Club at 6:30 P.M. Thanks district for allowing me to serve.

AREA STANDING CHAIR REPORTS

Assembly/Agenda - Monte S. - Planning committees for upcoming events continue to meet and make arrangements. Have 2 special events next year with the Area Bridge the Gap Workshop in Price, UT on June 24 and National Bridge the Gap to be held September 8-10 in Salt Lake City. Calendar of Events flyer on Registration table,, more information can be obtained from Area Website. Laptops available this weekend to check out the Area Website. Thanks to special guests, friends, from Washington, California, New York, Vermont and Canada for traveling here this weekend. This is not going to be a typical Utah Area 69 Assembly. The theme selected suggests something special "Jucin" Up With the Vine".

Archives - Janet H. - National Archive Workshop to be held this weekend in Louisiana was cancelled. Hope to be rescheduled in January 2006. Charlie, co-chair, Ad Hoc Committee had planned to attend, hopefully we will both be able to attend when rescheduled. Work in Archives is ongoing. Thanks for budget increase. Thank the host committee for facility, directions on flyer and help getting in displays. Thanks for letting me serve.

Cooperation With Professional Community - Mike A., given by Julie S. - Sorry I cannot attend Fall Assembly, don't miss many service events, and miss all of you. If all is going according to plan, I am within days of skiing Cho Oyu, Nepal (6th highest mountain in world). Has always been a dream to ski an 8000 meter peak. Finally happening, at 43 years old I am at the verge of being too old to pull it off. Guess it is now or never. Hope that LeAnn does not mind combining my roundtable with hers this assembly. I know my roundtable is in good hands with her. Can't wait to see you at the November workshop. Your friend in love and service.

Corrections - Richard B. - National Bridging the Gap Workshop - I am not a frequent flyer, the trip to St. Joseph, MO. was an adventure, emotional ride for me. Trusting in my Higher Power my emotions ran ramped, knowing that everything would be exactly the way it was suppose to be. Could hear voice of my sponsor saying "this AA thing is a journey, pull down your hat and hang on to you're a__ butt because you're in for the ride of your life. Arrived in Kansas City feeling confused as to how to get to St. Joseph, 55 mile trip. Waiting for my luggage to come, looked up and there is a man with a sign written on a box with BTG on it, grabbed my bag and under the BTG was my name. Offered to buy me a cup of coffee and went outside to smoke. He was to pick up another person coming from New York, so we picked him up. Next 3 and a half hours were a real highlight in this trip. Rooms weren't ready so we went to restaurant, where 3 strangers from 3 distant places shared AA, language of the heart. Think the waitress thought we were high or crazy, but it was the bond of forming d that only new friends feel. Another highlight was getting to know the Corrections Chair for state of Kansas, shared many ideas and forms used in their BTG program, as well as ideas that we maybe be able to use in our Area in Corrections. Workshop was very informative, different ways and means of Bridging the Gap presented by people from all across the USA. I went there with the idea to find simplest and less duplicated process to be effective and efficient for our Area. From the many states the programs were from complicated to very complicated. People talked about special districts, sub districts, Central Office intergroups, intergroups, service committees, sub committees, etc. first thoughts were to wish for that many (**WILLING**) people to do all those things. Followed by how duplicated can duplication get. Our BTG committee was well represented, with our collective ideas, I feel we will be able to work out a BTG program that will be effective and efficient for our Area. We have discussed using our website, various other things. If the committee will bring all information they collected to the table in next few months, I believe that we can have an up and running BTG committee before long. **REMEMBER!!! WE HOST THIS EVENT NEXT YEAR!!!** Any and all suggestions are welcome, contact any committee member. Local news: Within last month received requests from 5 members to be placed on temporary contacts and one to be an inside volunteer at Draper Facility, one to go either in Iron's Counties or Beaver's Facility. A guy, been working with for over a year, has been transferred to Uintah County Jail has written me asking if anyone could take a meeting into that facility, or someone in Northern Utah he could possibly correspond with, a temporary contact. Logan area preferred. If you are available, please contact me. A contact has made me aware of a change of qualifications to go into the Utah County Jail. A thought brought back from my trip, when things aren't going your way, or your journey is getting rockier, harder or seems too steep at times, just step outside and look up and when you see that blue, blue sky, feel grateful that you live in this Area. God loves you more than you know. Thanks for letting me serve. God Bless You.

Grapevine- John Mc - I want to welcome our GSO Grapevine representatives, they were very kind and gifted us with new publications, as well as 50 copies of the Grapevine. They gifted us with many subscriptions which I am sure will be filled out by an overwhelming desire for the Grapevine. Hope you enjoy the skit our talented players will perform later. Biggest news is last month I presented someone who was willing to be our LaVina representative, but because of work pressures was not able to fill the commitment. Adrian L., DCM for District 11, has consented to be our new LaVina representative.

Literature - Graham L. - Have copies of the Area Literature packet for new GSR's If you do not have one see myself or Ken, Alt. Delegate. Ken facilitates training programs for new people to general structure of AA. Have copies of Area Literature packet for newcomers, also pamphlet "So you've been told to go to AA..." Finally going to present the Literature motion that is currently for discussion and voting. Look forward to explaining the motion and to answer questions. I attended the Gap Workshop Weekend in St. Joseph, MO. Proved to be stimulating and productive - got to steal good ideas from AA;s across the country. Ready and willing to help the BTG program, working with Keith, Treatment Chair, to produce local literature to help carry message of AA to newcomers. Please look at the Area Literature display, arranged by categories, also foreign languages of the Big Book. I am willing to answer questions, discuss new ideas, please visit with me this weekend. I am here to serve. Thanks for this privilege. In love and service.

Newsletter - Ruth R. - Newsletter is on back table. Thank Kristie for building computer last week so one could be put together. Kristie is only committee, but without her we wouldn't have newsletter today. We moved from Roosevelt to Southern Utah this past weekend, so please continue to be patient with me. Have the same e-mail address, you can continue to submit articles that way. Doug has been good at keeping me up to date through the website and my e-mail. Thanks Doug. Hope to have MANY our theme "Sponsorship, Service and Self-Support in a changing world" for the Fall Workshop issue. Thanks for opportunity to serve this life-saving Fellowship.

Public Information - LeAnn L. - The committee gave GSO listing of Utah television stations we thought would be likely to play new PSA "Living in Chaos". There are 5 English and 2 Spanish speaking stations. Committee will be able to follow up stations. Committee has helped to coordinate efforts to get meetings and literature to the hurricane evacuees at Camp Williams. Currently meetings being held, the Red Cross has not allowed anyone there except for Red Cross volunteers. A couple of AA's working out there are now facilitating meetings. Collected enough Big Books, 12x12's, Grapevines and literature for Camp Williams and our friends in the South. Had books left over to send to AA's effected by the hurricane, received call saying needs had been met. May change as hurricane Rita is now threatening. If not needed they will be used in our Area for those in need. Opportunity for needs here in Utah, aiding Central Office with requests. Volunteers for Camp Williams are willing to assist Central Office. Website, there have been 10,415 hits in 18 months, cost per year \$110.16, paid through March 2007. Web flyer available, please make copies for your group, for information on website. Find information on Standing Committees, and events. Service work has saved my sobriety and my sanity. Thank you.

Treatment - Keith M. - Treatment committee has finished the BTG District kit - which will never be complete and starting new project, it's a workbook. Charlie is printing the BTG Area Volunteer List, Grahame is modifying a flow chart. BTG District Kit will be available at tomorrows roundtable. If you are a district Treatment or Corrections chair and leaving today, please contact me for advance copy. Treatment chairs and helpers, have a few Treatment kits, please take them. New project, review video Hope, is it out of date and if so is that reducing it's effectiveness, it is available for review at the Treatment table. Please invite me or our BTG committee to your District meetings for a BTG presentation.

Area Office Reports

Area Recording Secretary - JoAnn G.: Haven't done much service work. Attended District 10's GSR/Election meeting. Jodi presented the guideline changes to that District. Personally I lost my loving companion, my dog, and have grieved from that. Just returned from a week of R&R in Seattle. Great fun. Thanks for letting me serve and if I can be of service to any of you please do not hesitate to call me. Love in service.

Alt. Delegate - Ken B.: Went to Japan for their 30th Year Anniversary. Will report on it in November in Vernal.

Treasurer - Sheri P.: Mainly trying to get my life organized. Did a lot of travel this last year. Was asked to be a speaker in Tooele, humbling experience. Didn't know anybody, couldn't say anything, nobody would know. Felt love of this fellowship.

Registrar - Leslie H.: No report.

Assembly/Agenda - Monte S.: No report.

Chairperson - Julie S.: No report, but I would like to add that I feel she is doing a tremendous job.

Past Delegate - Jodi E.: Extend a special welcome to our Grapevine guests. Special thanks to Jeanine and Robert from Area 93, who drove all the way here to bring their translation equipment for us to use. Since last with you, had the privilege of attending Special Forum in Homer, Alaska, as well as the BTG Workshop in St. Joseph, MO. Great experiences of sharing and fellowship. Keith will be sharing more on BTG in November, so as co-chair of the 2006 BTGWW, he and I feel better prepared for putting that event together next September in Salt Lake City. One of the exciting things at the Forum in Homer was for the majority of people in attendance, it was their first forum experience. Travel in Alaska is so expensive and often difficult, members do not have the opportunities to attend events we often take for granted. Thanks for letting me serve. One of our trustees shared that the World Health Organization estimates there are 140 million alcoholics in the world, even if they're off by 50%, we still have long way to go. A perspective - as of Jan 1, 2005 the estimated number of AA members worldwide was over 2,082,000. Talking about donations paying for services requested, GSO General Manager, Greg M., shared that if members don't know services GSO are providing to help themselves and the still suffering alcoholic, it is unlikely they'll ever increase donations enough to be fully self supporting, allowing to sell our literature at cost. Next time you're in a Traditions meeting, talking to a sponsee, you might see if they know what their dollar pays for in services to carry the message. GSO exists at the pleasure of the AA groups and is responsible to the AAWS Board for delivery of services requested by groups helping AA members carry the vital 12 Steps to the still sick and suffering alcoholic.

Roll Call was conducted by Leslie H, Registrar: In attendance were: Area officers - 6; Area Standing Chairs - 9; Past Delegates - 4; District 1 - DCMC - 1; DCM's - 2; GSR's - 8; Standing Chairs - 2; District 2 - DCMC - 1; DCM's - 3; GSR's - 10; Standing Chairs - 2; District 3 - DCM's - 2; GSR's - 9; Alt.GSR - 1; Standing Chair - 1; District 4 - none in attendance; District 5 - none in attendance; District 6 - DCM - 1; Alt. GSR - 1; District 7 - DCMC - 1; DCM's - 3; Alt. DCM - 1; GSR's - 5; Standing Chair - 1; District 8 - DCM - 1; GSR's - 2; District 9 - none in attendance; District 10 - DCMC - 1; DCM's - 5; GSR's - 22; Alt. GSR's - 3; Standing Chairs - 2; District 11 - DCM's - 2; GSR's - 2; Spanish Speaking Sub-District - DCM - 1; GSR's - 4; Alt. GSR - 1; Central Office Rep - 1; Interested AA's - 10. Total number registered - 131. Estimated number In attendance to be 200.

Reports From Past Events

Pre-Assembly Workshop - District 11 - Will be given in November in Vernal.

Reports From Upcoming Events

Fall Workshop - District 8 - Vernal - Nadine N. - Flyers on back table, everything is going well, look forward to seeing everybody.

December Area Committee Meeting - District 3 - American Fork - Mitch J. - Had planning meeting Sept. 11th. All positions are filled. Alt. DCM, Thad, will be hospitality chair person. Brought more flyers today and have envelopes for each District, for DCMC's and DCM's. District 3 is looking forward to this event.

February 2006 Area Committee Meeting - District 6 - Salina - LeRoy B. - Getting a committee together and locating a place to hold event.

Area 69 Bridge the Gap Workshop - District 5 - Price - Richard B. Will report on in November in Vernal.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Archives - Janet H. - Committee has met several times. 1st meeting devoted to committee becoming better informed as what the Archives are and giving the members background information. Responses to questionnaire that sent out to Area Archives were given to Mickey, Secretary, who compiled the responses for the committee. July meeting held at Mickey's home was great with lots of sharing. Committee reviewed summary of survey responses, came to conclusion that our Area Archives was being handled in way that appears to be substantially similar to most Areas that responded. Interesting fact, in the Pacific Region only Western Washington and Oregon archivists responded. Charlie and I are each phoning the other Pacific Region Archivists to follow-up. Other committee members are focusing on information, ideas and suggestions in funding, rotation and repository. Postponing looking at guidelines until information has been gathered in other areas to determine what amendments and recommendations are needed. Also discussed was what we think should go on the Area web site regarding the Archives. At this time we are meeting, gathering information and ideas, which will be presented to

the assembly at a later date. New committee meeting will be in Cedar City so members can see the current Archive storage, to better assess the needs of the Archival repository. Thank you for letting me be of service.

Special Needs - John Mc - Concerning the motion that an Accessibilities Committee be formed with a chair for that position the Ad Hoc committee presents the following recommendation to the Area 69 Assembly for discussion and vote. Area 69 create a new Area Standing Committee known as “**Special Needs**”. Consistent with current Area Guidelines the Special Needs Committee Chairperson would be elected rather than appointed as outlined in Section 6.4. The annual budget for the Committee be \$300.00. Special Needs Chairperson duties be defined as follows: **Special Needs** - The Area Special Needs Chairperson coordinates the efforts of the Special Needs Committee, which is made up of the Area Special Needs Chairperson and any other AA members interested in Special Needs. Efforts could include, but not be limited to: Cooperation with the Elderly Community and Remote Communities. (a) Assists District Special Needs Committee and/or interested AA members in solving problems related to setting up meetings for members with special needs as well as providing literature, special equipment and other support. (b) Attends all Area Assemblies, Workshops and Committee Meetings. © Provides a written inventory of all Area property to the Alternate Delegate and to Archives each December at the Pass the Gavel or the Area Inventory Meeting. (d) Acts as Area Liaison with local Central Offices in matters concerning special needs.

National Bridge The Gap Report Back - Keith M. - To be given in November in Vernal.

Adjourn for Lunch

Welcome - Julie S. Chairperson

12 Concepts - Steve S., DCMC - District 7.

Guideline Committee Recommendations - Jodi E., Chairperson - There were 14 Guideline recommended changes made, each item was voted on individually and all recommendations were passed.

Election of Area 69 Nominee for Pacific Region Trustee - conducted by Phyllis H. - Those who stood for this position were Jodi E., Past Delegate, Shirley O., Past Delegate, Rod B., Past Delegate and Mickey H., Past Delegate. On the 4th vote two names went into the hat, Mickey H. and Rod B. Rod B. had his name drawn and will be Area 69 nominee for Pacific Region Trustee. Wishing him the best in the election in New York at General Conference in April.

Motion - Grahame L. Treatment Facilities Chair, Revised February 19, 2005: That the Area 69 Standing Chair for Literature be responsible for overseeing the printing and distribution of area approved literature. Motion passed.

Motion - Michael A., CPC Chair - formerly DCMC District 10: that the area form a new District for the Spanish Speaking Members of Area 69. Motion passed

Grapevine Skit and Presentations - Skit was very well done and the presentations were very informative, humorous and enjoyed by all.

Adjourn

Minutes prepared by JoAnn G., Area 69 Recording Secretary