

Minutes
Alcoholics Anonymous
North West Texas Area 66

Winter Assembly – November 14th & 15th, 2009
La Quinta Inn and Conference Center
2307 Loop Drive 306/Knickerbocker and Loop 306
San Angelo, Texas

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Saturday November 14th, 2009

Saturday Morning:

A GSR Orientation was held.

A DCM committee meeting was held with Southwest Regional Trustee Conley B. participating.

Assembly

Area Chairman, Tim B. opened the meeting. Tim thanked District XIV for hosting.

The new GSR's and new members to the area assembly were introduced.

The chair reviewed the agenda for the weekend.

Treasurer's Report – Cecil W.

Cecil W. reported a Beginning Balance of \$11,178.77, Prudent Reserve of \$3842.00, and Available Funds of \$7336.77. As of October 31, 2009 there is an Ending Balance of \$15,733.50, a Prudent Reserve of \$3842.00, and Available Funds equaling \$11,891.50.

Set aside funds being held are: Newsletter Fund/\$356.60 and Correctional Facilities Literature Fund/\$331.25.

Secretary Report – Roger S.

The minutes of the last meeting's New Business and Old Business were read. The minutes were approved as presented.

Alternate Delegate Report – Kenny L.

Kenny attended the Mini-Forum in Lubbock and attended meetings and shared on service work and the need for A.A. volunteers in the local prisons. 27 names were given to volunteer. Kenny also attended the District 4 meeting.

Kenny reported attending the Regional Forum in Irving, October 9-12, 2009. There were presentations from several Southwest Regional Delegates and General Service Office staff. He attended 2 workshops; "Unity between Area, District and GSO" and "Services & Publishing-Integrity of the AA Message."

Kenny also participated in a conference call where, Conley B. Southwest Regional Trustee reported the highlights of his Board Weekend.

Delegate Report - Leon R. - NWTA 66 Delegate Panel 58

Leon attended the Mini-Forum in Lubbock and attended local meetings and shared on service work and the need for A.A. volunteers in the local prisons.

Leon visited District 8 to share about service at the District Meeting in San Angelo, invitation from Lalo District 8 DCM.

Leon, participated in a conference call where Conley B., Regional Trustee reported the highlights of his Board Weekend.

Highlights:

Book Sales up 11%

Contributions down 6%

Michelle M. will be the new GSO Archivist

Two other new staff members were hired

26,000 people already registered for the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio

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Appointed sub-committee to work on inventory for GSC, Don Miller and Conley are on it

Full face issue was forwarded to Trustees committee on PI

Special need pamphlet-preliminary approved

Approved showing an encrypted opening for flag ceremony for 2010 IC on website

“Hope” video to be released immediately

Appointed sub-committee, including Conley to explore “Minority Appeal” procedures

Leon made the Final Conference Reports available at this assembly.

Area Chair report-Tim B.

Tim reported that he attended District 10, 4, 7, 13, and 14 meetings. Worked on the June Mini-Forum in Lubbock. Contacted and stayed in touch with other area chairs in the Region.

Old Business

A motion was made and seconded to change the NWSA66 Assembly Schedule, January even year Mini-Forum, from (no voting or business) to (voting, business).

Discussion included, changing this, to allow for limited business, specifically so that the new incoming Area Chair could present the new Committee Chair appointments for Approval/Disapproval.

Also there was discussion that this wording was not specific enough.

The motion passed by 2/3 majority.

The minority presented that the wording should limit the business.

None wished to change the vote.

The motion stood as passed.

New Business

Duties of Officers

Officers were given time to describe the duties of each office in advance of the elections.

Website:

Allen M. reported that the website passwords and login information were turned over to the chair for the new website committee chair to be appointed.

Committee Reports

Area Registrar- No Report

Archives-John M.

John reported that the archives display participated in Austin with other areas at the State Convention. He also traveled to the Cap Rock Convention in Lubbock. Arthur S., NETA 65 historian, and Bob S. of Lubbock, visited and presented at the Mini-forum in Lubbock. Art and John traveled to Oklahoma archives. John thanked Art for covering the expense of that trip. John attended the 64th Founders Day in El Paso. John traveled to the National Archives Workshop in Woodland Hills, California. John encouraged all to attend this event; the next one is in Macon, Georgia. The traveling display was at the Top of Texas Roundup, Amarillo, in September. A voice over was made for the display. An additional traveling display is being considered. John attended the Southwest Regional Forum. A proposal was made to host a Texas archives workshop. A report is being made on the first 10-15 groups in Texas. There are approximately 350 Giga bytes of digitized old tapes now. Top of Texas is celebrating 64 years next year. Contributions were \$571.00, expenses were \$770.00, leaving a balance of just over \$2000.00 in archives fund. John recognized people and group contributors to the archives. John listed the upcoming events he will be attending. There power point presentations available by invitation. The AA Myths presentation has been updated.

Two 50 year old Grapevines were presented for birthday gifts.

Bi-Lingual – Bernie G.

Bernie reported that they translated the Delegates report, District 7 elections. Ready to be of service where needed.

Correctional Facilities – Jose D.

Committee sent books to Ft. Stockton unit that the inmates requested. Jim T. is continuing to try to get meetings there. Alicia H., in El Paso is continuing to try to get meetings in the Sanchez State jail. Also Plainview is a continuing effort to try to get into. Personnel changes and rules slow down the effort.

On December 5th, District 3 volunteers will be going to the Plainview facility.

Referrals are received from GSO, Bridge the Gap Committee chairs and from CFC Chairs outside the area and we pass them on to the District to which the offender is to be released. We have made contact or tried to make contact with all of them. The Committee has been able to get literature to the units and is making meetings in some. We are waiting to hear back from Pecos to get into the privately owned jail there.

We have been able to get the Big Books and the 12 x 12 in Spanish into the units.

The Correction Committee has made advances in the past two years and contacted a lot of people to move the corrections effort ahead.

Grapevine/La-Vina – No report

Literature- Jerry T.

Working with literature has been a great experience, Jerry encouraged members to serve. The committee has ordered and had books and Service Manuals as needed at each assembly. The committee started with a budget of \$26.00 and after two years has \$18.00.

Books were donated to the new group in Hereford, Texas.

Newsletter – Ramona S. - Cecil W. giving report

I will fulfill my commitment to the newsletter and try to continue. The newsletter has been sent out which has some expenses from a home printer. This month's newsletter is attached here. I have enjoyed being a part of the newsletter and hope I can continue.

State Convention- Diane D. - Past Delegate Panel 56

The Texas State Convention was held in Austin in June 2009. There were 1755 registrants. There was \$13,000 over expenses and was dispersed among GSO and 4 Texas Areas.

There will be a volunteer kickoff meeting January 9th in San Antonio for the 2010 International Convention in San Antonio. There will not be a Texas State Convention in 2010.

Treatment Facilities-No report

Public Information-Martin N.

Martin reported that he received a listing of all the PI Coordinators of the area, as well as address and email addresses. Listing from GSO has old information on it. Martin is from district 7 and all their PI activities, which includes a live 24 hour hot line, participation in radio and TV (Ch26). Martin is waiting to get approval from the transportation system to get an announcement on the buses. The PI Committee is helping 2 groups in El Paso to get started with PI committees. Monday there will be some more showing on CH 26 El Paso.

Committee Reports- After breakout into committee discussions

Archives-John M.

We discussed the digitalizing progress. Some are interested in the digitizing process.

The plan on the traveling archives display was discussed; the cost is estimated to be about \$300. The archives would like to have some old 8 track speaker tapes if any have some.

Correctional Facilities-Jose D.

A large number of people came to our committee. CFC would like to have a workshop at an assembly or mini-Forum. We are going to buy bundles (50) of Grapevine/LaVina to send to the prison libraries. We are going to supply the latest information to the wardens and prison contacts, like the latest DVD on CFC, as well as the July 2006 Grapevine, which includes an interview with Jim E..

Literature - Jerry T.

Discussed what we can do to promote literature; workshops, help and motivate literature in the groups.

Public Information - Martin N.

Questions were asked and are commonly asked about the radio and TV programs and how you go about it. We discussed the 11th and 12th traditions. Questions were asked about how to get more interest at the area, district, and group level. Oscar provided has available a DVD for how to go about the TV and radio programs.

Website-Allen M.-Teresa L. reporting

5 people attended. We discussed the progress with the website meeting schedules, the logo overlapping the links, the program used to form the website. We viewed the website and the meeting schedules as they are link to Yahoo maps. We discussed not using personal emails on the website and anonymity, and making the website useful for mobile devices.

Finance report-Cecil W.

We discussed concerns about the changeover after elections. We discussed getting the outstanding checks in.

DCM Reports

District III-DCM Teresa L.

On October 4th District held elections.

DCM-Pat B., Alt DCM-Vacant, Treasurer-Susan O., Alt Treasurer-Sherry B., Secretary-Millie V., Alt Secretary-Kim C., LCM positions(2)are vacant at this time. Next meeting is at Pampa December 6th to elect persons to fill the vacant positions.

Answering service has completed a new 12th step call list for District 3 and district 1.

Bi Lingual Committee is drawing up scope and guidelines for the new committee.

CFC – current prison coordinators have being doing a good job and has met with the Plainview facility staff to get meetings in there. Grapevine committee is vacant, and will be put back in to the literature committee.

Literature committee-Sales were \$736.45

PI Committee attended the Health Fair in Dumas and the summer outreach at the Tyler Resource Center.

Treatment Facilities held their last workshop at the Top of Texas Group, October 25th, focus of the workshop was “Volunteer Appreciation Day”

Website Committee has new interest and has begun to hold regular committee meetings.

District 3 held the annual gratitude meeting on November 7th

District 4-DCM-Brian J.

Held regularly scheduled meetings and hosted the Mini-Forum. Leon and Linda visited after the Mini-Forum. Hotline will be covered for the year. Group attendance is increasing. Elections were held Matt S. – DCM, Paul - Alt DCM, Matthew A. Secretary, and Treasurer will continue to be Ellen.

District 7-DCM Oscar F.

Esfuerzo Anonimo Group – GSR: Jesus P.

San Francisco Group – GSR: Reuben S.

Tecera Tradicion Group – GSR: Juan M.

Groups participate in 2 treatment facilities 2 times a week. There are 2 work meetings and 2 study meetings per month, in which we study the Service Manual. A PI committee has meetings and visits the radio and TV stations. We put an Ad in the yellow pages and soon in the buses of the city. We visit groups once a week to give information on what we are doing in the District.

We welcomed Polo G., Joe L., and Tim B. Third Legacy voting procedures were covered and a count of the voters was made.

Members were asked/encouraged to help with service.

New elected members are: MCD-Antonio V., MCD alt.-Jose R., Secretario-Miguel M., Tesorero- Genaro G., Literatura-Hector M., Instituciones-Bernardo D., IP-Martin N., La Vina-Jesus G..

District 8-DCM

DCM- Ramon, Alt DCM- There are 4 groups in this District, 2 are very active, 1 is active, and 1 is inactive in District. District Meetings are held the third Sunday of the month. Four motivational meetings are held a year to encourage service work in AA.

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District 10-DCM Vicky C.

Conley spoke to the DCMs this AM. The new DCM was in attendance. I am grateful to serve. Participation has improved in District. I appointed a committee for the first time District 10 is solvent, has tried to work cooperatively with intergroup. The central office manger now attends District meetings for improved communication. Alicia H. has been elected DCM, Murray is Secretary, and hopefully we will have an Alt DCM soon.

District 11-Leonard S. (GSR-Big Bend Group in Alpine)

There is another GSR in the District. We are probably the largest District geographically and the smallest population wise. There is no DCM at this time, we are working on it. The Prude Ranch event was a great success. The AA population is growing constantly, we are there for them.

District 13-DCM Sandy E.

Attendance at District meetings continues to grow. We meet the second Sunday of the month and rotate around to different groups. Financially the District is doing well. Serenity group in Midland is holding a Traditions/Concepts meeting Wednesdays 6PM. The automated Hotline is still receiving calls. Election results as flows: DCM-Roger S., Alt DCM-Bill E., Secretary-David H., and Treasurer-La Marque P. A workshop was held October 31st, there were two speakers, a skit on picking a sponsor, raffle, and food. There were about 100 in attendance. The next workshop is Saturday January 23, 2010 at the Midwinter Conference. Flyers for the January Area 66 Mini-Forum are available. It will be at the PDAP building 1208 West Wall in Midland.

PI/CPC - Recently contacted and asked to get info to professionals in Rankin

Literature - Groups and individuals continue to buy from the District.

Web Site- is www.aadistrict13.org

CF- was contacted by the Area66 CFC and was able to pass along info to local member willing to contact an inmate in the District.

District 14-DCM Dennise B. (Report by Daniele M.)

New DCM-Danielle M. Secretary-Denise B., GSR Sherwood Group-Jim H., GSR La Lou Group-Marcus, GSR New Spirit Group-Tom S./Alt-Kathy S.

New schedules will be out soon.

Answer Angelo has grown from 5 to 150 calls per month. Some from Brady, Eden, and Coleman-Out of District schedules were obtained.

Literature chair is ordering monthly for all groups to save on shipping.

Sherwood group started monthly birthday dinner/dance is well attended. La Lou Thanksgiving feast 1:30PM after the meeting. Denise has worked hard for these 2 years; we had no GSRs and now have 3. We had \$1200 of literature in stock and now do monthly orders and no overstock.

Evening: Conley B., Southwest Region Trustee, gave a presentation on the Steps/Traditions/Concepts/Sponsorship/Home group.

Sunday November 15th, 2009

Election results: 43 voting members

Delegate Panel 60-Tim B. from the Hat on 4th Ballot
Alternate Delegate Panel 60-Vicky C. from the Hat on 4th Ballot
Area Chair-Kenny L. on 1st Ballot 2/3 majority
Alternate Area Chair-Sandy E. on 1st Ballot 2/3 majority
Area Treasurer-La Marque P. on 1st Ballot 2/3 majority
Alternate Area Treasurer-Leonard S. on 2nd Ballot 2/3 majority
Area Secretary-Sherry B. by acclamation
Alternate Area Secretary-Jerry T. by acclamation

Respectfully submitted,
Roger S.
North West Texas Area 66 Secretary

Pending Assembly Approval

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