

November 2006

Meeting at the Wasatch Presbyterian Church, 1625 South 1700 East, Salt Lake City

GSR Preamble

We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A.. We realize the ultimate authority in A.A. is a loving God as he may express himself in our group conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that they can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups as a whole.

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AGENDA FOR DISTRICT 2 GSR MEETING November 30 7:00 PM

7:00 – 7:205 PM

Open – Moment of Silence

GSR Preamble

Responsibility Declaration (Back Cover)

Concept 11

Tradition 11

Introductions

Officer Reports

October GSR Meeting Minutes – Dawn G.

Treasurer’s Report – James H

Corresponding Secretary – Charlie T.

Pass-the-Gavel Host Committee Report

Pre-Conference Assembly Host Committee Report

7:20 – 7:35 PM

Standing Committee Reports

Archives

Corrections

Grapevine

Newsletter

PI/CPC

Treatment

7:35 – 8:00 PM

Old Business

Budget for 2007

Election of two (2) Panel 57 DCMs

Election of six (6) Panel 57 Alt- DCMs

Election of Panel 57 Newsletter Chair

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Trusted Servant Report From Our DCMC

Hello Family, once again! I am truly grateful for the busy month that I have been given in service this Nov. I had the privilege of attending the entire Fall Workshop earlier this month, and once again learned some more about how I can better serve and improve the quality of my sobriety at the same time!

I have also visited some Groups that I have not been with in quite a while, a welcome change for this Alkie. Variety is the spice of life, I am reminded, and routine can quickly become rut for me. My thanks to those who have invited me away from my "usual" meetings.

I have also been busy as a "two hat servant" this month in meeting with our own host committees as outgoing DCMC and incoming Agenda/Assembly Chair. We are prepared for Pass the Gavel, and have the beginnings of a host committee for the Pre Conference Work Assemble in Mar., 07. It warms my spirit to be back involved, if nothing else as observing, in the host committee portion of our service structure. It has been too many years in the background when it comes to this one... the last I was involved with was the '03 Pre Conference we hosted.

As we near the end of this Service Panel, and continue in many different avenues of our Three Legacies, I have to remind myself that this does not stop at the end of the year. It needs to continue on throughout this journey in order for me to be able to give what has been so freely given me, and us.

Love in Service,
Thom B.
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Trusted Servant Report District 2 Archives

Hi friends,
District 2 Archives has been very busy collecting and cataloging inventory. Researching leads on our district's history. Finding out where, when and who was involved in starting our early groups and the problems that were faced and dealt with or which problems helped start new groups.

Last month I received a phone call from a member of A.A. in Carson City NV, wanting to find some history about his sponsor, that has passed away, who got sober here in Salt Lake back in the forty's. I have been doing research on where our rich history came from, New York or from Akron? Seems that there was a difference of opinion between these two early groups about how the program should be done. Dr. Bob's way or Bill W. way. But that is what starts new groups and meetings in our wonderful fellowship., "controversy".

Items that can be donated to Archives are:
1. Any thing pertaining to District 2

2. Any thing pertaining to alcoholism in general, books, newspaper articles, obituaries of honorary members, cups, T shirts, event posters, flyers, pamphlets, pictures.

3. Office supplies, Acid free page protectors are badly needed.

A special thank you to all those great members that have donated to Archives .

Bob G. Computer & Disks

Sandy A. Box of old memorabilia and old Grapevines

Van H. CD of old AA history

Rick & Lila W. Binders & old pamphlets

Tony Memorabilia

Dawn Marie Coffee cup

Charlie Memorabilia and pamphlet racks

If you wish to donate, please contact me and make arrangements for your donation to be picked up. Thanks for letting me be of service.

Lana Y.
District 2 Archivist
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Trusted Servant Report

Bridge the Gap Coordinator

BTG is moving right along. I am weeding out the bad numbers, and slowly replacing them with new numbers. When I first started I was quite discouraged as no one was signing up, but our GSR's are wonderful in getting the word out and getting members to sign up.

This past week, we had 6 people wanting contacts because they are preparing to get out of jail. Because of our wonderful members signing up, we were able to assign a contact to each person. It is exciting to see AA working in yet another way in lives. Not only the person in jail, but the members willing to do that service with gain much also. How blessed we are.

Speaking of being blessed, I feel so very blessed to be able to serve as BTG Coordinator. I also feel blessed because my Higher Power, whom I choose to call God has given me such a perfect life when I am so very far from perfection. I am so grateful to be an Alcoholic as without this disease, I wouldn't be blessed with such an awesome program to live my life by.

May everyone have an awesome holiday season.

Again, Thank You for allowing me to Serve,

Hugs, Perky
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Standing Committee Report

Corrections Committee Chair

We are working with the jail to arrange it so they can give prisoner's that have been attending AA phone numbers of who to contact with Bridging the Gap to get them to meetings. They seem willing to work with us on this.

If your group would like a pink can to collect money to help buy corrections literature talk to Jean and she will get you one. Then just send your donations into District 2, clearly marked for corrections literature. Thanks so much for all of the support we have been receiving, with the high turnover of inmates we are always in need of more books.

Tony S. will be taking over as Corrections Chair in January and I wanted to thank the district for letting me serve in this capacity for the last two years.

Jean B.
Corrections Char
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Volunteers needed!

District 2 Host Committees

District 2 will host the Area's committee meeting; "Pass the Gavel", on December 2, 2006. We will also be hosting the Area's 2007 Pre-Conference assembly May 23-25, 2-007.

There have been several DCMs and Alt-DCMs volunteer to help on these committees, but we need your help! Serving on these host committees is an excellent way to serve this Fellowship, so talk with your service sponsors and join one, or both, of these committees!

Past Event Report Area 69 Fall Workshop

My name is Pete and I am an alcoholic. It is my privilege to serve as the Area 69 Literature Standing Chair. Area 69 held their Fall Workshop in Salt Lake City at the Holiday Inn hotel. This event was hosted by District 10.

Julie S. opened with a moment of silence followed by the Area Preamble. She read the Anonymity policy. There were no new members to General Service in attendance.

Teresa from District 7 read the Traditions.

Joanne G. read the minutes from the Pre-Assembly Workshop. Accepted.

Sheri P. read the financial report and budget review. Highlights to the budget were the new communications chair was added to the budget for 400. The overall budget for 2007 amounted to 29,500 vs. 30,995 for 2006. The report was accepted.

Mike read the delegate report. Highlights of this report were the elections attended in Districts 10, 8, 1 and 2. He also attended the 1st annual Spanish speaking convention in Salt Lake City. His complete report can be found on the Area 69 web site.

Leslie (Happy, Joyous and Free) conducted the roll call. She admonished all Districts to provide as complete a report as possible on the changes in trusted servants. She added the new Communications committee to the rotation for groups. Please contact Leslie to discover if your group assignment has been changed.

Leslie reported that GSO couldn't print the regional directories due to lack of funds. Leslie courage Ely announced that she could not fulfill her position as Corrections Standing Chair for Panel 57 due to family commitments.

Roll Call.
All Area Officers and Area Standing Chairs were present. There were 5 past delegates present.

District 1 – DCMC, 2 DCMs, 2 GSRs.

District 2 – DCMC, 2 DCMs, 3 GSRs, Standing Chair.

District 3 – DCMC, DCM, 3 GSRs, Alt GSR.

District 4 and 5 were not represented.

District 6 – DCM.

District 7 – 2 GSRs.

District 8 – DCM.

District 10 – DCMC, 2 DCMs, 10 GSRs, 2 Standing Chairs.

District 11 – DCMC, 2 DCMs, 3 GSRs.

Districts 9 and 12 were not represented.

There was one interested AA present.

Ken C. – Alternate Delegate gave his report. See Area 69 website for details.

Julie S. – Area Chairperson reported that two vacancies exist in the Panel 57 standing chairs, those are Corrections and Grapevine.

Past Events

Fall Assembly – District 7 announced there were 124 people registered in Kanab and the event returned \$260 to the Area.

Upcoming Events

Pass the Gavel – District 2 reports the event will be held December 2 at the Salt Lake Holiday Inn hotel. This year we will serve a luncheon for \$10 for all who wish to attend.

Area Committee Meeting – District 8 reports that the event will be held in Roosevelt.

Pre-Conference Assembly – District 2 announced that the committee which currently supports the Pass the Gavel meeting will rotate over to Pre-Conference, with some additional members welcome to serve. Venue for the event is still being reviewed.

Standing Chair Reports

Agenda – Monte Working w/ District 2 on Pass the Gavel and District 8 on Area Committee Meeting.

Archives – Janet brought archive displays for Salt Lake Central Office, Provo Central Office and suggested that other halls and Central Offices supply material for her to create additional displays. Janet attended the National Archives Meeting held in Baton Rouge and reports that the new archivist at GSO – Amy F. is excited about her new position. Sadly, Janet also reported that Bill W.'s picture was stolen from the Mayflower hotel. She reports that a First Edition Stools and Bottles was recently donated.

CPC – Mike has returned from Katmandu. He created a PowerPoint display for use when working with Professionals.

Corrections – Richard reports that BTG work is exciting and really taking off. He reports that there is an additional 200-bed facility open in Beaver. District 10 is supplying a lot of Big Books to the prison. Grapevine – John reports that we are not a glum lot. Adrian L. has been working diligently on LaVina distribution.

Literature – Pete reports that the effort to supply remote areas with literature was a big

success in Kanab. Full report on the web site. Authors note: In my report to the Area, I referred to the Salt Lake Holiday Inn as the 'AA Hotel'. I would like to make amends for that statement as neither AA nor Area 69 is affiliated with any hotel. Please accept my apologies for any misunderstanding this may have caused.

Public Information – Leann reports that there is no copyright needed for the PI presentation recently reviewed by the Area. She is excited about going to the prison. Treatment – Keith reports that he has been in General Service for 14 years and it has been a great experience for him. He views Panel 57 with mixed feelings as he will not be serving in a position for the Area. However, he will still be active in BTG, Archives ad hoc, Moab group and family activities. Great Job Keith!!!

District reports

District 1 – Eddy reports the District held their elections. District 2 – Thom reports that District elections were held and there are a few open DCM positions still to be filled. He noted the November and December meeting will be combined due to the holidays. The Tooele group is holding one meeting a week at a treatment facility in Tooele. District 10 – Andy reports that the elections were held for District 10 in two different meetings. There are still a few positions to fill.

District 11 – Gary reports there has been a new group added to their District.

New Motions –

A motion to change the date of the Area Committee meeting to better allow information for the Conference agenda to be distributed.

Archives Presentation.

Janet provided a PowerPoint presentation to the assembly to give members an idea of the location and state of the archives. This presentation was the first installment from the ad hoc committee formed to review the Area archives.

After lunch, panel presentations were held by Ann T. and Gary G. The topics were Inclusiveness in AA, the 3rd Tradition. Key points were noted concerning most drug users first used alcohol.

Keith B. and Karen discussed Our Primary Purpose Tony M. and Jennifer Y. discussed Singleness of Purpose and giving respect to the program which you are attending.

Panel Discussions were assigned as follows:

Panel #1 – Inclusiveness in AA.

Need to include all those who wish to be sober.

No pulling people out of the bars.

Noted that there are a large number of open AA meetings in Utah.

Make mistakes "ON the side of the angels"

Panel #2 – Primary Purpose and Working with Wet Drunks.

Primary Purpose manifested in groups first.

Each group is but a spiritual entity.

Problems other than alcohol. Carry the message to those who want to be sober.

Panel #3 – Humility and Responsibility.

Humility is knowing and accepting who we are.

Responsibility to support the fellowship with contributions.

No resting on our laurels.

The Saturday evening dinner and sobriety countdown were held with 678 years and 201 days of sobriety present. Mickey once again made a new friend by presenting the signed Big Book to the person with the least amount of sobriety in attendance.

Please note that roundtable report-backs were held on Sunday morning along with the Askit-Baskit.

All standing Chair reports available, financial reports and budgets are available on www.utahaa.org.

See you in Salt Lake City for Pass the Gavel at the Salt Lake Holiday Inn on December 2, 2006. God Bless until then. Pete G. literature@utahaa.org

The *District 2 Newsletter* presents news & notes from Utah Area 69, District 2 of Alcoholics Anonymous. Opinions expressed are not those of Alcoholics Anonymous. No one speaks for A.A. as a whole. Please send your comments, suggestions, questions and/or article submissions to dist2_newsletter@utahaa.org or submit them to the Newsletter chair at the monthly GSR meeting.

Upcoming Events Mark your Calendar

Area Committee Meeting – “Pass the Gavel” District 2 – Salt Lake	December 4, 2006
Area Committee Meeting (PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS) District 8 - Vernal	February 17, 2007
PRAASA Portland, Oregon	March 2-4 2007
Pre-Conference Assembly District 2 – Salt Lake	March 23-25, 2007
Post-Conference Assembly District 11 - Layton	May 18-20, 2007

Service in Tooele Carrying the Message

My name is Pete and I am an alcoholic. I regret that I cannot be at the District meeting this evening to listen to how District 2 is carrying the message. As many of you know, we had a bit of luck or Providence recently in the Tooele area. We were invited to hold 12 Step meetings at a local treatment facility and their only open time slot was Thursday evening.

As much as being with my fellow servants enhances my life, being able to carry the message is vital to the still-suffering alcoholic that attend the programs at this facility. I am happy to relay to you that we have been invited to expand our work here to two meetings a week. Our first Sunday afternoon meeting was held on the 26th of No-

vember with the largest attendance of any of the meetings held to date.

The Tooele AA Beginners group, at their last business meeting, has set aside literature funds to supply a rack and additional literature for this institution. The diligent effort of Jay G., the Tooele GSR and District 2 Treatment chair, to sponsor this effort for the Tooele group was a very prudent use of group literature funds.

In addition to that excellent news from Tooele, I am privileged to serve you as the Area 69 Literature standing chairperson. On advice from past-delegates, the current delegate and alternate delegate, I am happy to announce that AA literature is reaching places where it is needed.

The suggestion that AA literature be available for purchase at Area events has proven to be an excellent suggestion. Many members of District 2 also took advantage of this opportunity to acquire current AA approved literature and I hope to serve you in the near future by helping you to acquire whatever literature your groups may need. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or trouble in acquiring AA literature. If you haven't had the opportunity to visit the new Central Office location, I encourage you to do so and explore the added material that is now available.

Yours in Service,
Pete G.
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