

19 of Steering Committee Meeting
January 24, 2016
Stockton, Ca

Meeting convened at 1:20 p.m.

Traditions: Read by Jennifer

Roll Call: 19 of 84 present

Minutes Approval: October Fresno Conference Steering Committee minutes approved

Treasurer: Colleen M.

Fresno Conference net income was \$1,880.87. Our income balance is below this time last year. Pre-registrations is at 131, 15 by paypal 15 and 23 through square. Our initial expense for square was \$400 and we've received about \$1,184 through square since introducing it in Fresno. We have \$10,224 in the bank as of today with an addition \$374 to be transferred through paypal to our account. I will present some line item changes to the treasurers spreadsheet in San Ramon to include clearer itemization of income and expenses.

Coastal Secretary: Linda G.

County Chair Mailings went out the first week in January. I have the three main gifts for the San Ramon drawing. We are under budget. I purchased a folding hand truck for carrying supplies which will belong to NCCAA. I still need panel members for San Ramon All Services Panel on Sunday.

Interior Secretary: Woody R.

I e-mailed the minutes to the listed Steering Committee members on 12/05/15. I am looking for a moderator and readers for the San Ramon Conference Friday night Speaker panel.

Young People's Secretary: Chau Marie G.

I put a letter out for review. This letter to the NCCAA group delegates talks about the upcoming San Ramon conference, the election for chair, and the importance of being a group delegate. I've been attending the host committee meetings and I am looking for young people for the young peoples meeting. Please help out and announce at your home group that each group is entitled to two delegates.

Good News Editor: Dennis S

Greetings from the Good News Editor, First issue is under my belt, now let's get to work. As I said in the beginning I can't do this alone, this is a we thing please help.

Idea's for the Spring Edition: Trivia with answers in the back of the newsletter or answers in the body of the stories, or in the next issue??? Oldtimers section, Newcomers section, Alanon, Spanish.

What do you want as continuing sections, i.e. Birthdays. Upcoming Conference, Upcoming Chairperson article, History of A.A. section?

Enough of me now it's your turn to give me suggestions for stories, articles, sections, please advise.

We will introduce an idea to provide the Good News as an online newsletter for download.

Tape Librarian: David L:

Rebuilding my website. I am always looking for submissions for speaker selections. Please mail or email submission to Sound Solutions.

Archivist: Peter M.

I am continuing to work with local Central Offices, and with our webmaster, to add to our collection of the Good News, and we are still finding new materials. I am willing to coordinate our efforts to add to the written history of NCCAA with a goal of having a new publication or extended, updated edition of our current history document by 2017, NCCAA's 70th Anniversary. The work we are doing now to add to our Good News Collection is a great start, and I suggest that we access CNIA and CNCA Archives as well, and enlist their support. I am planning to attend the AA History Symposium in early March 2016 in Arizona, and that will be an opportunity to meet with other AA archivists and historians, and discuss our project. I am also planning a trip to New York City in May and will be able to visit the GSO Archives as well. I will be in touch with our new Good News editor, Dennis, soon about contributing to the next edition of the Good News. I apologize that I can't attend the Steering Committee Meeting, but look forward to seeing you all in San Ramon. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service!

Webmaster: Michael B.

I posted new material to the website. I am trying to make the website more interactive. Delegate registration is active. We will be adding additional features for the steering committee additions and adding the option at registration to volunteer for service at the conference as a moderator or reader. We welcome suggestions. We have a calendar on the website that includes various A.A. events, planning committee meetings etc.

H&I Liaison: H. E. N.

No report

CNCA Liaison: Ray W.:

We are working with NCCAA to have a GV/La Vina workshop. Area 06 is beginning to look at Agenda topics. One of particular interest is the consideration of a plain language Big Book. Many area members are planning to attend PRAASA in March. We are hosting the National Archives workshop in September. The BTG committee has begun a limited/trial Corrections Correspondence Service (CCS). We will hear a report at our next ACM and decide whether to continue this service. The General Service Conference is (GSC) in April and the Area 06 post conference report is scheduled in May.

CNIA Liaison: Vikki R

Disappointed that San Ramon Conference is the same day as our Area Committee Meeting (ACM). PRAASA 2017 will be in Sacramento. We will be looking for lots of volunteers to help with this event.

Spanish Community Liaison: Juan Saul-Garica

The Spanish speaking A.A. agenda for the San Ramon Conference includes the following:

Friday – marathon meetings (hourly) chaired by local groups.

Saturday – The fourth gathering of Spanish speaking women in A.A. for 9 to 12 p.m., Grapevine and La Vina panels from 12:15 to 3 p.m., a General Service panel from 5 to 7:30 p.m. and marathon meetings from 9:30 to 12 a.m.

Sunday – We will join the General Conference for the All Services panel and Speaker meeting.

Alanon Liaison: Bonnie M.

ASL: Shaun G

We will have ASL at the San Ramon Conference

Conference Reports:

Fresno: Shaun G

We had a post conference meeting in Fresno. The meeting was informative. Fresno will be putting in a bid for 2018.

San Ramon: Dan:

Thank you to those who supported the host committee speaker meeting to help support the committee's expenses.

Our committee is very excited and ready to host the conference. We've added two more marathon meetings. Volunteers are increasing. Outreach help is encouraged to spread the word and get people to pre-register. Spanish and Alanon participation is an added draw. I will be attending various events to pass out flyers and trying to get pre-registrations. Dan showed examples of the nametag design. We have two more host committee meetings to go. Please join us.

Santa Rosa: Keith:

We now have a treasurer for our host committee. We need to work on getting the marathon meetings organized and put together. It has been a challenge getting chair people for this conference. I want to thank Linda and Chau Maria for their support at our planning committee meetings.

Modesto: Chau Marie

Modesto will host the October conference. We have been begun to discuss setting aa planning committee meeting schedule that will being in February or March.

NCCAA Chairperson: Shaun G.

San Ramon room bookings is critical. Fresno did not meet its room nights and it reduce our net income. San Ramon is on a sliding scale. We need to book at least 90 rooms on Friday and 95 rooms on Saturday to get a favorable rate for the conference. We have a \$10,00 bank balance and it could be easily eaten up in San Ramon if we can't fill rooms. The cutoff for booking rooms is 30 days prior to the conference or mid February.

We need support from all areas in Northern California. Rooms in San Ramon are \$109 plus tax and parking.

In recent years, planning committee meetings have been comprised of mostly inexperienced host committee members. This is the reason I suggest you begin your committee meetings nine months in advanced.

I've been attending the planning meetings in San Ramon and Santa Rosa and I attended the spaghetti fundraiser this month for San Ramon. We have speakers booked for our future conferences. We've been posting those on our website for our members. I've been talking with David N, Non Trustee Director, A.A. World Services (A.A.W.S). The General Service Board (GSB) has been looking for conferences around the country to give presentations about A.A.W.S., the Grapevine, La Vina, and the services provided to the fellowship. David and I discussed the NCCAA program times available for the 2017 NCCAA conference calendar. I made up a mock program and sent it to him to present to the GSB at their quarterly board meeting at the end of January to see how we could incorporate panels, speakers, and presentations by the GSB and staff.

I would like to remind you that our webmaster, Michael B. added the option for updating the group delegates on our website. We had a post conference meeting in Fresno to go over thoughts and ideas on how the conference went over all and what we could improve on for the next Fresno conference.

Our elections for a new NCCAA chairperson will be held at the San Ramon conference in March. Bids for future conferences need to be presented at the 8 a.m. steering committee meeting on Saturday, March 19. After the steering committee meeting all nominations will be closed.

I received the final inventory report this week. I want to thank Kelly M and Raymundo L for facilitating the inventory in Fresno. I would like to thank both Area 06 and 07 for helping us. I personally had a great experience in the group I was in. I forwarded the inventory to our webmaster and it is available for viewing on our website.

Inventory copies provided. Inventory is available on the website. Raymundo will work on translation of the inventory and will placed on the website when completed. Flyers to be reduced and add more Spanish. I would like to set a time slot to discuss the inventory beginning in San Ramon.

Old Business:

Continue the discussion on celebrating our 70th anniversary in 2017 with T-shirts, coffee cups, chips, and other items.

New Business:

Changes to the Good News newsletter and finding a place to store NCCAA archives.

Conference Bids (These topics were on the agenda but there wasn't enough time to discuss them.)

Motions:

The following two motions were made and seconded and will be forwarded for discussion at the San Ramon steering committee meeting:

Motion to grant right of decision to the NCCAA Steering Committee to adjust the schedule to accommodate GSO in the 2017 conference year

Motion to purchase chips, coffee cups and T-shirts for the 2017 Conference year.

Meeting closed at 3:08 with the Responsibility Declaration.

Yours in Service

Woody R,
NCCAA Interior Secretary.