

Steering Committee Meeting
August 28, 2016
Stockton, Ca

Meeting convened at: 13:24 p.m. with the Serenity Prayer

Traditions: Read by: Colleen M-V.

Roll Call: 16 of 83 steering committee members present

Minutes Approval: Santa Rosa June 11, 2016 Steering Committee minutes approved

Treasurer: Colleen M.

The Santa Rosa Conference financials are final. Santa Rosa lost \$1,513 but we did receive \$1,000 back from the venue, which lowered the net loss. The Modesto Conference is going strong. There were 112 pre-registrations at the Santa Rosa Conference. This is a new record! We currently have about 220 pre-registrations. We now have \$8,571.13 in our checking account and \$3,785.19 in our Savings account. We have spent \$5,490 on T-shirts to date and we've received \$780 back in sales. We have one more order to finish for the women's shirts and this will carry us through Modesto. The Modesto host committee spaghetti feed fundraiser collected \$1,152.60 with a net profit of \$712. A new financial spreadsheet is in development. Due to the recent inventory, we are trying to make the NCCAA financial report more comprehensive and easier to understand. The Modesto's conference will be on the old style financial sheet. We will start using the new financial report in Foster City in 2017.

Coastal Secretary: Linda G.

I continue to clean up the mailing list. I plan to pickup flyers for the Spring Conference (Foster City) prior to Modesto Conference to be ready for mailing before the conference. I have been attending the CNCA monthly ACM as the NCCAA Liaison. I have also been attending the Sonoma County Intergroup (SCIF) monthly meetings and making NCCAA announcements. SCIF will put the NCCAA flyer on their website. CNCA has a link to our NCCAA website under the "Resources" tab. I plan on attending the Modesto planning meeting next Sunday, 9/4. I secured a reader for the Friday night speaker meeting.

Interior Secretary: Woody R.

I emailed the Santa Rosa Steering Committee minutes on June 17, 2016. The minutes have been posted on the NCCAA web page. The Santa Rosa Inventory list was posted to the site and emailed to the Modesto Committee. The Central Valley PI/CPC Committee will make a presentation on Sunday's All Services Panel. I have a moderator selected for the panel but I still need to select readers. I attended two Modesto Conference host committee meetings. I gave a report on NCCAA on behalf of Shaun at the CNIA August Area Committee meeting.

Young People's Secretary: Chau Marie G.

Delegate letters will be mailed very soon. I am working on readers for the YP speaker meeting. New Delegates online registration has increased. We have had nine sign-ups since February. Out of the nine sign-ups two are from Spanish speaking groups.

Good News Editor: Peter M for Dennis S

Dennis will be working with Peter to publish the next Good News newsletter.

Tape Librarian: David L:

I have three speaker submissions pending. I'm in the process of relocating. The reel to reel tapes and other archive materials have been moved into a secure climate controlled environment. I discovered Spanish materials, which included Joe and Charley recordings translated into Spanish. I have a lot of material that needs to be digitized.

Archivist: Peter M.

I printed copies of my updates to the NCCAA brief history booklet for review. This is a living document that should be updated periodically. The draft is not available for review on the NCCAA website. The current history is available on the Website. I visited the San Francisco Intergroup and I found a ticket that says Bill W. is the first speaker at NCCAA. I went to the GSO archives to look at what they had related to NCCAA. I found about 59 items from the early history pre 1955. The best source of information comes from our local archives. I've been in discussion with H&I to collaborate with CNCA to store archive materials in the CNCA archives. I will be making a presentation at the National Archives Workshop in Concord next month. I am working on a souvenir booklet for next years anniversary.

Webmaster: Michael B.

I added a few Good News newsletters and new group delegates. I found a lot of hidden files that will be given to Archivist Peter M. to review for relevance and possible addition to the history section of our website.

H&I Liaison: H. E. N.

Not present

CNCA Liaison: Raymundo L.

CNCA will be hosting the National Archives workshop in two weeks.

CNCA has approved a project to record the Concepts for streaming on the GSO website.

CNIA Liaison: Tom A.

CNIA will be hosting the Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly (PRAASA) next March in Sacramento. In October, CNIA will hold a Mini-PRAASA in Lemoore, in which the Area will hold an election for the Area's Trustee-at-Large nominee. We will also hold our biennial Area Inventory.

Spanish Community Liaison: Juan Saul-Garica

We continue to prepare for the next conference in Modesto. We are in talks with the local Spanish speaking AA Community in Modesto to assume responsibility for coordinating the marathon meetings on Friday at the Conference. The Saturday women's meeting program is scheduled from 9 to 12 noon. The Grapevine and La Viña panel will follow the women's meeting. We are trying to finalize the details for the afternoon concurrent General service and H&I panels. On July 14, we met with all the women who has previously chaired the women's meetings at the Conference to thank them for their leadership role. We also discussed how to increase attendance at the future Conferences. This past weekend, one of the women, Nancy, attended a women's conference in Los Angeles. She informed us yesterday that 27 women were in attendance. They were happy to hear that similar activities are taking place in Northern California. Nancy will be giving us a full report at the next Conference in Modesto. I will be discussing with the women here how to contact the women's in Southern California and invite them to an event at one of our Conferences.

Al-Anon Liaison: Bonnie M.

I was invited to attend a planning committee meeting for WACYCAA in Sacramento and took flyers for the Modesto conference to them. Our Al-Anon Area World Service Committee meeting was this weekend; I took flyers for the Modesto Conference and distributed them to all District Representatives, Officers and Coordinators for Northern California; and I announced the Modesto conference and the Foster City conference. We have a great schedule planned for Modesto. We hope to have an Al-Anon flyer ready to distribute soon. I gave the latest draft to Shaun for his review. Planning for Al-Anon participation in the Foster City has begun. The District Representative for the hosting District and I attended the August 6 meeting. An Al-Anon member has stepped up to serve as the local chairperson. Unfortunately, the Spring Conference in Foster City is scheduled for the same weekend as our Southwest Regional Delegates Meeting in Colorado next year but we will forward the name of our Friday evening speaker to Shaun for inclusion on the flyer.

ASL: Shaun G for Sonia

Modesto is covered. We only have Sacramento covered for 2017. We need help with Foster City and Lodi in 2017. Pay is \$50 per meeting.

Conference Reports:

Santa Rosa: Keith:

We had difficult time with volunteer chairs that committed to the conference but failed to follow through. This is an issue that needs to be seriously addressed in the future. Chairs must be fully engaged all through the process.

Modesto: Chau Marie

The conference is around the corner. The last meeting will be October 2. We had a couple of chair replacements. Pre-registrations going well, The Spaghetti feed fundraiser went very well. Marathon meetings will be downstairs at the Conference center. This area will have the hospitality room, Spanish, Al-Anon, and English marathon meeting rooms. We are considering producing copies of the NCCAA ticket with Bill W.'s name as bookmarks. Larry Mac will speak at the 3:30 early bird meeting. He is from San Francisco and has a great story.

Foster City: Scott R. for Roger B

San Mateo County has started planning for hosting the NCCAA 2017 Spring Conference in Foster City. Our first meeting was August 6. Our next planning meeting will be September 3, 2016 from noon to 1 p.m. All planning meetings will be held on the 1st Saturday of every month at the following location:

Transfiguration Episcopal Church

3900 Alameda de las Pulgas

San Mateo, Ca 94403

Our first planning meeting minutes were forwarded to those who attended the meeting.

The job descriptions were read for the volunteers for each committee. We filed 9 of the 15 committees. We discussed outreach as a responsibility of everyone and have Elly and Michelle committed to helping head the committee. We are looking forward to the Modesto Conference and have volunteers to help with the pre-registration.

Sacramento: Colleen for Tony H.

We toured the facility. Tony has experience with conferences. October is planned month for hosting committee meetings at Group Three in Sacramento.

NCCAA Chairperson: Shaun G.

All Speakers set for 2017. One change was required for Friday night in Foster City. Ami B. will be the Friday night speaker in Sacramento. Ami will put together two or three GV workshops. I will invite local GV representatives to host those workshops. The Pacific Regional Trustee, Joel C. will speak on Sunday. Greg T., GSO, manager will be the Sunday speaker in Lodi and he will also organize some workshops. In Foster City we will have an Al-Anon speaker in the main room for the 5:30-7p.m. time slot. On Saturday night we will have a Spanish speaker in the 5:30 to 7 p.m. time slot in the main room. Chips, Shirts and mugs are now available. We have sold 38 shirts to date. This is an opportunity for outreach and it will help us out financially. Modesto conference should sell half of the inventory. The next Conference flyer will have options to purchase shirts and mugs with pre-registration. The venue in Sacramento is exciting. I attended some host committee meetings and the ACM in CNCA. We attended Saturday Night Live in Stockton to do outreach for NCCAA. I had the opportunity to speak at various unity day and group anniversary events and promote NCCAA.

Old Business:

How do we want to proceed? Woody introduced data related to registration and attendance and the need to adjust registration to meet expenses. We have eight active venues that have increased costs and we have been priced out based on our current attendance and registration figures. Unless we do something we won't be able to return to these venues. Fresno is a sliding scale. Guarantee 155 rooms.

New Business:

Jay L. submitted a proposal for a Modesto Conference in 2018 at \$135 per room with facility cost of at \$8,000. The hotel and conference center are separate. The Conference Center requires a 150-room block to use conference center. 50 rooms required for Friday and 100 rooms required on Saturday. Room bookings need to be made 30 days prior to conference. We must buy the rooms of those not met.

Motion:

The Steering Committee not put forward 2018 conference bids for Modesto and Fresno due to cost. – Motion passed.

Discussion centered on going to smaller capacity venues.

Three viable options

- Increase registration
- Smaller Venues
- No Conference

Meeting closed at 3.51 p.m. with the Responsibility Declaration.

Yours in Service

Woody R,
NCCAA Interior Secretary.