

# Minutes of the Sierra Sage Regional Service Committee Meeting

09/10/2016

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jimmy at 11:30 with the Serenity Prayer in Carson City, NV. The 12 Concepts were read by Lisa M and the 12 Traditions were read by Bobby C.

| <u>POSITION</u>   | <u>NAME</u> | <u>P O R A</u> |  | <u>POSITION</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>P O R A</u> |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------|--|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
| Chairman          | Jimmy G.    | P              |  | PI/PR           | Walter S.   | P              |
| Vice Chair        | Karen R.    | P              |  | BLAW RCM1       | Andrew A.   | P              |
| Secretary         | Alex M.     | P              |  | BLAW RCM2       | Timber      | A              |
| Treasurer         | Rick O.     | P              |  | BLAW ALT        | Brenden     | A              |
| Alt Treasurer     | Vacant      | V              |  | GOVA RCM1       | Ami         | A              |
| RSO Rep           | Mike S.     | P              |  | GOVA RCM2       | Stephanie   | A              |
| Convention Chair  | Mac M.      | P              |  | RNA RCM1        | Abbey B.    | A              |
| Regional Delegate | James C.    | P              |  | RNA RCM2        | Vacant      | V              |
| Delegate Alt      | Dave B.     | P              |  | CANA RCM1       | Dave        | A              |
| Gratitude Chair   | Buddy J.    | A              |  | CANA RCM2       | Misty       | P              |
| H & I             | Hoppy       | P              |  | NLT RCM1        | Greg B.     | P              |
| Behind The Walls  | Sheryl      | A              |  | NLT RCM2        | Bobby C.    | P              |
| Literature Review | Vacant      | V              |  | SLT RCM1        | Mike        | P              |
| Outreach          | Dylan C.    | A              |  | SLT RCM2        | Mark        | A              |
| WEB               | Walter S.   | P              |  | SLT RCM ALT     | Mike S      | P              |

Visitors: Max, Lisa M

1. **Motion to approve minutes**
  - a) September 10, 2016 minutes – Motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.
2. **Birthdays-**
  - a) Mac 43 years
  - b) Jimmy 9 years
  - c) Andrew 3 years
3. **Chair-Jimmy G.**
  - a) Nothing to report.
4. **Vice Chair-Karen R.**
  - a) Guidelines in new business.
5. **Secretary-Alex M.**
  - a) Nothing to report.
6. **Treasurer-Rick O.**
  - a) Report presented, see attached.
  - b) Karen made a motion to send \$600 to world this cycle. Motion passed unanimously.
7. **RSO-Mike S.**
  - a) Report presented, see attached.

**8. Convention Chair-Mac M.**

- a) Convention was a success. There were approximately 1350 people in attendance. Sold out both the dinner and breakfast banquets. 1 person complained about not being able to hear. 1 person complained about macs vest and it was explained the committee members all chipped in to purchase it.
- b) There is currently \$50,000 in the bank and \$37,000 was spent.
- c) Hoppy asked about registration packets being upped and we sold through them all.
- d) NA logo was silent auctioned for \$62.50
- e) Nor Cal logo was donated back from winner for future auction.
- f) Lost 4 table clothes due to people signing table clothes. There will be black linens next year.

**9. Regional Delegate-James C.**

- a) Made a motion to reimburse \$55 to James for printing costs. Passed unanimously.
- b) James asked that the information he presents be taken all the way back to the groups.

**10. Alternate Delegate- Dave B.**

- a) Nothing to report.

**11. Gratitude Chair- Buddy J.**

- a) Report presented by mac, did not receive report for inclusion in minutes.
- b) Gratitude Dinner will be held at Fuji Park on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Please bring side dishes.

**12. H&I-Hoppy**

- a) Report presented, see attached.

**13. Behind The Walls – Sheryl**

- a) Absent Report presented.
- b) Motion for 20 step working guides at \$170. Motion did not get a second. Tabled for January RSC.
- c) Motion made to give Sheryl the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter budget of \$145. Motion passed unanimously.

**14. Literature Review-Vacant**

**15. Outreach-Dylan C.**

- a) Absent

**16. WEB-Walter S.**

- a) Did presentation at training day. 2 meetings are temporarily suspended in SLT. Saturday Sun Valley meeting is moving in 2 weeks to new covenant church.
- b) Average of 200 visitors a day.
- c) Nor cal convention info is on our website.
- d) FEB 18<sup>th</sup> here comes the judge in BLAW
- e) Website maintains email lists for sending out regional information.
- f) Any additions to email list can be submitted through website.

**17. PI/PR-Walter S.**

- a) Absent

## **18. Area Reports**

### **17.1 BLAW –**

- a) Report Presented, see attached.

### **17.2 GOVA –**

- a) Absent

### **17.3 CANA –**

- a) Report presented, see attached.

### **17.4 RNA –**

- a) Report presented by hoppy. Requested more flyers.
- b) They can do the workshop Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. It was noted that convention kickoff is on the same day. It was suggested that it be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> or another date.
- c) They are having a pot luck speaker meeting on Dec 18<sup>th</sup> at silver springs community center from noon to 3pm the speaker is Eldon from Reno.
- d) All position are not filled and they are looking for help.

### **17.5 NLT–**

- a) Report presented, see attached.

### **17.6 SLT –**

- a) Report presented, see attached.

## **19. Old Business**

- a) None

## **20. New Business**

- a) Karen reported that BTW guidelines were created but they must be submitted to RSC for approval.
- b) Karen brought up the fact that the RSC guidelines are outdated. Small things need to be updated such as titles and abbreviations and a section in gratitude dinner on page 12. Body approved that she make these changes and bring them back for approval.
- c) It was discussed to add GOVA to the gratitude dinner rotation. Karen will contact GOVA about this.

### **Next meeting –**

**Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**2990 N Rock Blvd**

**Reno, NV**

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM

Alex M, Secretary  
11/13/2016

**Sierra Sage Regional Service Committee**  
**September - October 2016 - Treasurer Report**

**Total Income For This Period Is:                   \$1,614.06**

It breaks down as follows:

|                                 |           |       |          |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|----------|
| 7 <sup>th</sup> Tradition       | \$ 56.00  | Cash  | 09.10.16 |
| BLAW Donation                   | \$ 176.72 | #2504 | 09.15.16 |
| BLAW Donation                   | \$ 210.50 | #2511 | 10.20.16 |
| GOVA Donation                   | \$ 20.00  | Cash  | 09.10.16 |
| GOVA Donation                   | \$ 239.00 | Cash  | 09.13.16 |
| SLT Donation                    | \$ 300.00 | #0689 | 10.04.16 |
| North Tahoe Truckee Donation    | \$ 200.00 | #1308 | 09.06.16 |
| North Tahoe Truckee Donation    | \$ 100.00 | #1310 | 10.05.16 |
| Rural Nevada Donation           | \$ 120.00 | #1122 | 10.14.16 |
| Never Alone Group Donation      | \$ 50.00  | #1195 | 08.28.16 |
| Saturday Night Special Donation | \$ 55.08  | #1377 | 09.16.16 |
| Saturday Night Special Donation | \$ 16.76  | #1380 | 09.16.16 |
| Living For Today Donation       | \$ 10.00  | #9542 | 10.15.16 |
| Other -                         | \$ 20.00  |       | 10.11.16 |
| Hopkins – T Shirt Sales         | \$ 40.00  | Cash  | 09.10.16 |

**Total:   \$1,614.06**

Deposits: 09/13/16 - \$439.00 ... 09/26/16 - \$116.00 ... 10/11/16 - \$420.00 ... 10/17/16 – \$50.00 ... 10/24/16 - \$387.22 ... 11/01/16 - \$201.84

**Total Expenses For This Period Are:               \$1,290.18**

It breaks down as follows:

|  |           |             |        |          |
|--|-----------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Office Depot – Meeting Schedules                     | \$ 86.18  | Rick Oppio  | #2343  | 09.10.16 |
| James Cross – Regional Assembly                      | \$ 150.00 | James Cross | #2340  | 09.10.16 |
| NAWS – Contribution –July - August                   | \$ 600.00 | NAWS        | #2344  | 09.10.16 |
| William Hopkins – H&I Budget 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter | \$ 200.00 | Hopkins     | #2341  | 09.10.16 |
| Sheryl Miller – BTW Budget 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter   | \$ 145.00 | Miller      | #2342  | 09.10.16 |
| Post Office Box – Annual                             | \$ 86.00  | USPS        | #2345  | 10.14.16 |
| B of A Check Order                                   | \$ 23.00  | B of A      | EleTra | 10.27.16 |

**Total:   \$1,290.18**

The checking account was balanced on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016.

The account balance: \$ 6,666.53.

We have a pending deposit of \$501.00.

Thanks to all of the areas and groups for their donations.

As always, any questions are welcome and all documents are available upon request.

Please continue to send your donations to the Regional Post Office Box. The address is: SSRSC PO Box 11913 Reno, NV 89510

If any approved payments need to be made, please contact Rick O. @ 775-843-9200 or cavanaughshreno@yahoo.com

I will continue to work closely with Karen.

Thank you for allowing me to be of service.

Rick O

**SIERRA SAGE REGIONAL SERVICE OFFICE**  
**11-12-16**

**Present:**

Mike S –Chair  
Karen R - Treasurer/Secretary  
Jimmy G – Board Member  
Dave B – Board Member  
Bobby C – Board Member  
Rick O – Board Member  
Curt – Board Member  
James C – Board Member  
Mark M – RSC Designate  
Danny H – Board Member (late)

**Absent:**

Vince P – Vice Chair  
Dylan C – RSC designate  
Kelly L – Board Member

**Visitor:**

Lisa M (BLAW)  
Mac (BLAW)  
Misty S (CANA)  
Max S (CANA)

At 10:05 am, the meeting opened with the Serenity Prayer Carson City, NV. Dave read the Traditions – Mac read the 12 Concepts Minutes from September approved unanimously.

1. Phoneline balance is \$1,618.49. All areas are current and payments are being received regularly. SLT has asked that their AT&T forwarding line be disconnected. Their group conscience dictated this move and they will use only Voice Shot at this time. Karen completed this task so their monthly bill will now be \$15. Their payment last session should cover their expense for some time. Karen will continue to monitor and advise them about their balance.
2. Mac reported for convention. The convention was very successful. Some merchandise complaints (not enough). This issue will be addressed by the incoming committee. There were some issues with completion of this year's registration packet orders (did not arrive as promised). Mac had requested bids at the start of the year, but this was not done. Saturday night meeting was filled and there were 1350 seats. We are growing! All is all many compliments and everyone was very pleased with the speakers.
3. Gratitude Dinner: Mac will be meeting with Chris J from SLT this week to shop. Mac/James are to locate the coolers. Location unknown at this time (they are full of sodas, etc). Karen to pick up key Friday and give to Donelle so that Ray can get the building open on Saturday morning. Some discussion about attendance (how many to expect) Everything is going well. Dinner set for November 19, 2016 at Fuji Park.
4. Treasurer – RSO general account - \$14,918.23 of which \$1618.49 are phoneline funds. Karen asks that this body decide on a literature distribution amount so that the information can get to the areas and get started on orders early. The amounts are as follows:  
BLAW - \$1200 – S:LT - \$800 – RNA - \$700 – GOVA - \$500 – CANA - \$500 – NLT - \$500 This is to be announced at RSC and RCMs will be asked to take this information to their areas so that their orders can be given to Karen soon.  
Convention account - \$37,286.30 and \$13,200.72 remaining in PayPal. Karen will make the PayPal transfer this week. There are still outstanding bills to Jose & Associates of approximately \$9000+ plus William Hopkins, \$544. There will also be one final payment to GSR. Karen estimates that it will be more than \$4000 but less than \$5000.  
RSC - \$7167.53  
A discussion about WSZF, which is coming up in February. RSO has agreed to cover costs of the Delegate Team's attendance at approved events. Dave will be driving to Phoenix and James wishes to fly. Karen to make the flight arrangements and James to book their hotel room
5. Karen mentions the WSO/RSO webinar. Earmarking funds was on the agenda. NAWS told Karen that whenever earmarking funds is a condition of donation, they will not be accepted. Concepts 2, 3, and particularly 11 address this issue.
6. Board feels that Vince P should remain on the board but not continue in the Vice Chair nor the Chair position.
7. Lengthy discussion about elections since Mike is not interested in accepting Chair again and we have no Vice Chair. James wishes to be Vice Chair and Karen has some concerns. Jim G was asked to accept Chair. After voicing his issues with accepting the Chair position (will miss Bishop), he accepts. Unanimous acceptance of executive board as follows:  
Jim G – Chair  
James C – Vice Chair  
Karen R – Secretary/Treasurer
8. James brings up a question of an FITP violation, as BTWSWP has been printing from the SWG for their sponsees' use in working the steps. After discussion, it is concluded that this is not an inappropriate use of the fellowship's literature.

Next meeting to be held on **Sunday, 10 am, January 8, 2017** Location – TBD Reno, NV

***These minutes subject to review, amendment, and approval by RSO in January 2017.***

- 11) Please step up and learn how this program works to help us move into 2017 with a healthier BTW/H&I program than we have ever had in Sierra Sage!!! I will be stepping down next May and am looking to help train/work with the new people to carry on as we move forward.

## RSC H & I REPORT

11/13/2016

Hi Family,

### H & I

- 1) As we move forward into the 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. of 2016 we have 5 NA meetings in 3 facilities. Lovelock has (2) one English and one Spanish, Warm Springs has (1) one English which Lou and I go into on Thursday's at 6 pm. NNCC in Carson city has (2) meetings both are English. One is on Friday at 6pm and the other is on Sunday at 12:30. Charles (RNA) Lou (RNA) trade off every other Sunday. We are looking for more men to step up to get cleared. I do have clearance forms for anybody interested.
- 2) We have been helping the guys in Lovelock work through changing chairperson for the meeting. The new chairperson who has taken over the meeting responsibilities sent a literature inventory with a request for more basic texts. I also received new contact info for the caseworker in Lovelock, Mr. Hilderbrand. I send a box of literature containing basic texts, IP's, pamphlets and schedules.
- 3) The H&I table was a success again this year. We sold 17 shirts@\$10 a shirt. Money went to Karen at convention. I made 25 copies of clearance forms for the prison. I picked up 3 at the end. I received one soft covered "Just for today" donated to the new "Books for Crooks" program to help get literature into the prisons.
- 4) I returned receipts for 4<sup>th</sup> Qtr. budget today.
- 5) I can always use more literature for Prisons. Please donate "Soft Cover" NA literature to "Books for Crooks" literature program.
- 6) Please step up, Regional H&I makes a difference, help us move into 2017 with a healthier BTW/H&I program than we have ever had in Sierra Sage!!! I will be stepping down next May and am looking to help train/work with the new people to carry on as we move forward.

# 1) CORRECTIONS/PRISONS

## A) CLEARANCE FORMS:

- 1) Go to doc.nv.gov
- 2) Go to the **"ABOUT"** pull down tab, scroll down to **"VOLUNTEER INFORMATION"** You will find all the information to get cleared.
- 3) Download/Print all the links on that page read, fill out all the forms, make copies. Then send the originals to the address they direct.
- 4) It is a process, it takes (approx. 3-4 months) some time.

**Please be patient for this rewarding experience!!**

# BOOKS FOR CROOKS



## HOW IT WORKS

- 1) Buy any soft cover NA text book; Basic text, It Works How n Why, Just for today, Living Clean.
- 2) Donate n Deliver to the Regional H&I Coordinator to be distributed to Prisons/Correctional facilities in our Sierra Sage Region.



BLAW RCM report 11-13-16

74 weekly meetings in BLAW

Area service positions going well, all filled but secretary alt secretary and alt rcm 2

H&i 28 active facilities

32 facilitators

Pr racks being filled, 2 addicts per rack

Here comes the judge scheduled for Reno

Activities gaining support

Thanksgiving marathon meetings at American legion hall in sparks  
9am-7pm

Phone line going well, all calls either answered or returned

**BLAW Activities Committee Presents**

# **THANKSGIVING MARATHON MEETINGS**

**LOCATION: 730 4th St., Sparks, NV**

**DATE: Thursday, November 24**

**TIME: 9am - 8pm (Last meeting starts at 7)**

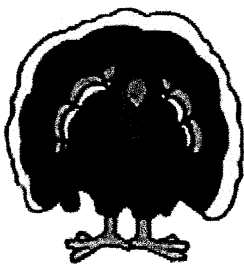
**Meetings begin on the hour**

**Please bring  
a side dish**

**Food Served at 2 pm**

**Volunteers needed for dinner**

**Kids Corner  
activities for  
children**



**Contact Elijah G. (775) 203-6293  
for additional information**



**Happy Thanksgiving!**

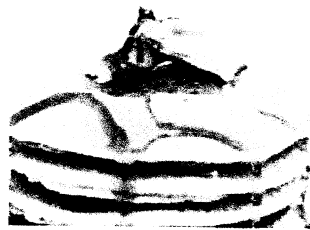
**BLAW H&I and Public Relations  
Annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**2990 Rock Blvd.**

**7<sup>th</sup> day Adventist Church**

**Sparks, Nevada**



**Pancakes Steak, Eggs, Fruit, Pastries**



**Speaker Scott T.**

**7<sup>th</sup> Tradition Observed**

**Starts 9am ends 12pm**



LANGUAGE OF LOVE  
LITERATURE STUDY

\*\*\* NEW MEETING\*\*\*

EVERY THURSDAY, STARTING

September 29, 2016 6PM - 7:30PM

@ SPARKS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

610 GREENBRAE DR, SPARKS NV

Upstairs - Room #206

(O, BK, WC, NS)



# Never Alone New Year's Eve Party

Epworth United  
Methodist Church  
(Wolf Center)  
280 E. Stillwater Ave.  
Fallon, Nevada

*Happy New Year!*

*Doors open at 5:00pm*

*Dinner at 6:00pm*

*Speakers at 7:00pm*

*Raffle After Speakers*

*Please bring a side dish,  
desert or beverage.*

*Donations for raffle  
prizes welcome.*

*Come and Enjoy the Fun and Food*

*Please Bring Your Favorite Children  
and/or Adult Games*

# CAPITOL AREA REPORT

SEPTEMBER - NOVEMBER 2013

Capitol Area is running smoothly – We have 9 groups all are in the black.

We are donating \$200 region- \$100 to convention for raffle prizes - all bills are paid

Our Guideline vote was tabled for another month due there was not a complete set of guidelines sent out to all GSR's for a proper vote.

All sub-Committees have moved their meetings to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month a RoundTable Pizza on College Parkway @ 1:00pm

**H&I** is working on a getting meeting in Vitality treatment center- All applicants need to be fingerprinted and have TB test.

**Phone Lines** is running good and has made some positive changes w/ Karen's help to our monthly plan.

**Public Relations-** has filled all the racks

**Activities:** Is the in the process of planning the Valentines dance

## **Area Body :**

Chair: Tharon

Vice Chair: Michelle

Secretary: Open

Treasurer: Michael

RCM 1, 2 : Dave and Misty

Activities: Kimberly

Literature: Marcy

Hotline: Terry

PR: Rich

*Thank you for allowing us to be of service*

**Dave Stewart and Misty Stewart**

**RCM 1 RCM 2**

## North Lake Tahoe/Truckee

Report to Region Nov 13, 2016

11.01.16 6:30 PM

Opened meeting with the Serenity Prayer

Minutes approved from last meeting

Present:

Bobby

Kai

Bernadette

Nikki

Jason

Greg

Josh

Blanca

Ed

Absent:

Brian

Meetings are going well. Attendance is holding steady. We have an open secretary position open for the Saturday Night King's Beach meeting. December 19<sup>th</sup> Holiday potluck dinner at the Senior Center,

Treasures report read, motion to Donate 200.00 to region.  
Phone bill paid through Jan 1. 2016

Thank you for letting me be of service

Greg B.

## SLT Area Report 11/13/16

1. Tuesday and Sunday meeting place is closed due to remodel.
2. Gratitude dinner – Chris and Judy asked for side dishes.
3. Logo contest for the mountain high campout – Winner gets camping for 2 (See Flyer).
4. H&I is planning to hold meeting to update guidelines.
5. PR loaded 6 racks with literature.
6. Got rid of AT&T portion of SLT hotline.
7. Unity Sisters is having a masquerade ball on New Years Eve (See Flyer).