

MINUTES OF SOAR 8 BUSINESS ASSEMBLY

Orlando November 5 & 6, 2010

Friday Nov 5, 2010

- 1) **7:00pm** ASSEMBLY CONVENED ON TIME – Meeting was opened by Chair with a welcome to our Spanish Speaking Members and then the welcome was given in English
- 2) OA readings: Serenity Prayer, 12 Steps, 12 Traditions, For Today
- 3) Timer was appointed for the Assembly
- 4) Recognition of New Reps, Visitors and newly attending Intergroups: Coastal SC Intergroup, Columbia including la presidenta of NSB Venezuela and Columbia.
- 5) Region 8 Board, Funded Committee Chairs and IG Chairs were introduced.
- 6) Former Region 8 Board members were introduced
- 7) Chair reminded us about the importance of keeping abstinence first
- 8) Credentials & Roll Call: The names of all Intergroups and registered service bodies were read.
- 9) 47 voting, 3, non vote board, 4 non vote guests = 54 Total in the room
- 10) Adoption of Amended Agenda – Amended Agenda was adopted
- 11) REGION 8 ROCKS CONTEST was explained by the chair. Rocks will signify the number of years of current abstinence for all attendees.
- 12) **FORUM** was introduced: International Region 8 - 7,560,000 MILES, 50% of region 8 speaks Spanish, 44% Portuguese, 6% English . 8 questions were given to 8 groups of reps. Results on separate page
- 13) 8:32PM Announcements:
- 14) 8:34pm Welcome & short skit presented by Central Florida Intergroup
- 15) 8:45pm Presentation & Panel Discussion – "**Abstinence - much more than a food plan**". Presenters were Jane C., Patti S., & Gloria L.
- 16) 10:00pm RECESS

Saturday Nov. 6, 2010

- 17) **8:40 am CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting started late to allow reps to finish breakfast at restaurant. OA readings: Serenity Prayer, 12 Concepts, Voices of Recovery
- 18) Credentials Judy K. gave an explanation of roll call vs. credentials
- 19) Adoption of Standing Rules. Standing Motion to amend standing rules was made to change credential/roles. Standing Rules were adopted.
- 20) Approve Consent agenda – Motions 2 and 3. Motion 2 was removed from consent agenda. Motion 3 was accepted.
- 21) Minutes from New Orleans Assembly were accepted
- 22) Introduction of Parliamentarian & short parliamentary lesson on learning from past experiences. In New Orleans the assembly experienced what we needed to learn regarding voting procedures. Parliamentarian explained how voting ballots will be done this assembly. Blank ballots are not counted at all. You can vote for 1 member or vote none of the above.
- 23) 7th Tradition total was \$350.20

24) Board reports - 5 min each +5 minutes questions

- Chair spoke about South America visit and 50th anniversary visit, Lifeline subscriptions.
- Vice chair talked about Hosting Manual, Hosting IG work, Green Dot manual and program.
- Secretary talked about the past 4 months and was asked 1 question about the choosing of committees. Secretary will research the facts surrounding how committees are chosen.
- Trustee spoke about Trustee work, service abroad, bufondas
- Treasurer discussed how budget was spent this past year, what we received this past year in contributions and congratulated Ways & Means committee for bringing in so much money.

25) **BREAK at 10:05 am; RETURN AT 10:20 am**

26) **10:25 am** Credentials 52 are eligible to Vote. Must show ribbon for vote to be counted.

27) **Motions**

a) Motion 1A

- i) Pro and cons were discussed.
(1) Motion 1A adopted.

i) Motion 1

- (1) Motion 1 adopted

a) Motion 2

- (1) Debate on the motion. political boundaries discussed. Chair suggested a meeting of those interested after the assembly.
- (2) Motion withdrawn.

28) **11:25 am Final report of the New Orleans July 2010 Assembly/convention. Report was in packet.**

29) **11:45 am** Election of Vice Chair – Gloria L. is re-elected Vice Chair

30) **12:00 Noon LUNCH BREAK with SPEAKER**

31) **RECONVENE 2PM**

32) **2-3:30pm Committee Meetings**

Committees choose their committee chairs

1. PIPO - Gary
2. BYLED - Atiya
3. TSW - Linda
4. UWD - Lonna
5. IGOR - Patti
6. WEB/Tech - Dara
7. W&M – no one volunteered to be Ways & Means Chair

- Committee reports were handed in to Secretary.

33) **3:30pm** Credentials – 52 eligible to vote must show ribbon for vote to be counted

New Business

34) EMERGENCY MOTION-

Emergency Motion to defund the Webmaster.

Motion: To defund the motion passed at the July 2010 Assembly which created a funded web manger position as a support position to the Board (like the Parliamentarian).

Submitted By: Board of Region 8

Intent: Defund the Web manger and return the position back into the Technology/ web committee.

Implementation: Remove the Web manager as a line item on the budget, and remove the Web Manager role description from the Policy and Procedures Manual, and from any discussion of the role as a funded position in the PnP. Amend section 15 of PnP to describe the role of the Web Manager.

Cost: No cost to implement

Rationale: This will free up \$1500 to be used in other areas of the budget to help carry the message. The need to facilitate electronic communication within Region 8 website and advise the Board and Committee chairs on status, limitations and capabilities of the SOAR 8 web services can be handled within the Technology/web Committee.

Pro and Con followed. Motion carried.

35) 2011 Budget

The budget was presented. Discussion followed.

Amendment to the budget was proposed to move website cost into region 8 expenses and not web/tech budget item. 2nd friendly amendment amended the budget to move the item into Expenses category. Vote taken. Budget approved.

36) **Election of Secretary** - Two candidates. Jane elected Secretary for two years

37) **Election of Region 8 WSBC delegates** - The Assembly voted for Lisa, Karen and Neill

38) Amendment to extend time – Passes. Time extended to 6:00

39) SOAR 8 November 2011 Bids are presented. Vote is taken by written ballot

40) Motion to extend time to end conference until results of Nov 2011 Bids is announced. Passes

41) Chair reminds members the next Assembly is March 12-13 in Baton Rouge.

42) Medellin, Columbia is announced as the location for SOAR 8 Nov 2011

43) GREEN DOT CEREMONY

44) 6:06PM - ASSEMBLY ADJOURNS