



Monterey and San Benito Counties Area Service Committee

Meeting Minutes April 13, 2026

1. Meeting Start: 6:30PM
2. Diego opens the meeting with the Serenity Prayer
Tim reads the 12 traditions. Bryan reads the 12 Concept. Diego reads the chairpersons opening statement. Kevin reads the purpose of this body statement.
3. Introduction to new GSRs and Visitors
 - a. Nate- visitor
4. Milestones
 - a. Amy - 17 years
 - b. Cassie - 1 year
 - c. Rosie - 29 years
 - d. Hadley - 18 months
5. Approval of Minutes
 - Amy – motion to approve the minutes
 - Bryan - second
 - Minutes approved
6. Additions to Agenda
 - a. Kristel H. - Elections -Diego to add to old business.
7. Role Call - Gsr's give reports.
8. Area Service Committee Reports
 - a. Chair: Chair gives report (see google drive)

- b. Vice Chair: Kevin shares report (see google drive).
 - a. Rosie- “Were you able to attend the NBCNA meeting?”
 - b. Kevin- “I’m in a class right now so no. “
- c. Recording secretary: Kristina - shares report.
 - a. Rosie - “What about the agenda?”
 - b. Diego - “I put it on the drive and print 10 copies.”
 - c. Mike - “Is there a reason you only print out 10?”
 - d. Diego - “I was told by previous members that we only print 10.”
 - e. Kristel H. - “You can print out 30 and get reimbursed.”
- d. Treasurer: Anne shares report (see google drive)
 - a. Mike – “What is the price of the storage again?”
 - b. Anne - “Was \$230, now it’s \$267 a month.”
- e. Literature: Raichel shares report (see google drive)
 - a. Kristina- “Storage does not currently have space for literature, but we will clean it up.”
- f. RCM 1: Rosie gives report (see google drive)
 - a. Tim - “What does the host subcommittee do?”
 - b. Angelina - give a portion of the report.
 - c. Tamika - “I attended last month’s RSC with our RCMs, and they asked us to bring back a bunch of NCCNA goodies from previous years. So, there’s a lot of stuff here for all the GSRs to take back to their groups — sunglasses, pens, magnets, little drawstring bags, and more. Please take some; there’s a ton of it.”

9. Subcommittee Reports

- a. H&I: Nick- gave report
 - a. Kristina - “The webmaster puts all dates and flyers on the website.”
 - b. Mike - “Yes, I’m Mike. I’m an addict and the current Pig Roast Chair. We have tickets for sale, and I also have packets of tickets available if anyone would like to help pass them out. Please see me after the meeting.”
 - c. Rosie - “Nick, is your report on the drive?”
 - d. Nick - “No I will work on it”
 - e. Mike - “One other thing — at the last Pig Roast, we were able to go to NCCNA and sell merchandise at the alternative store. We got rid of a lot of our older

merchandise and were also able to sell some of our new items. That reminds me, we also have shirts available now. If you'd like a shirt, see me or Ken. Please come out and support our H&I Pig Roast. This is the only fundraiser in our area that we do specifically to raise money. You'll see on Anne's report where it says "Pig Roast – \$2,696.87" — that money came from this event. We also have some flyers available and we're doing opportunity drawing baskets. I think my wife brought some of the flyers, so please take them back to your meetings. There's a QR code on them if you'd just like to donate, and we'll keep track of everything if you're selling tickets. We made it easier this year — with the ticket packets, you can accept cash, Zelle, or Venmo. So if you'd like to help sell tickets, it should be a lot more convenient for everyone. Thank you, and please come support us. This is one of the main fundraisers we put on to help raise money for H&I."

- f. Kristina - "Is that report in the drive?"
 - g. Rosie - "It will be."
 - h. Bryan - "My name is Brian, and I'm an addict. I have a question. A woman came up to me at a meeting asking about getting a meeting started at Turning Point. Would that information be passed along to Nick for H&I?"
 - i. Nick - "It would be PI, call me if you have any questions."
- b. PI/PR: No report
- c. Activities: Lawrence gave the report (see google drive)
- a. Rosie - "Yeah, he may have already mentioned it, but regarding the bonfire, did you go through insurance to find out whether we'd be able to do it annually or however they said it would work?"
 - b. Lawrence - "We are submitting the application once, putting all 4 in at once."
 - c. Kristina - "I have applied for the bonfire insurance, just waiting to hear back from the underwriter."
 - d. Rick - "Yeah, Rick, so when you say October for the sponsor workshop, do you have an approximate date yet?"
 - e. Lawrence - "No, not at all. I still need to talk to the Spreckels Veterans Hall to see what dates they have available. Once they get back to us, we'll be able to secure a date. We want to keep it in October since that's traditionally when it's been held."
 - f. Mike - "Check oldemeijer center. Might pay a lot less."
- d. Talent Show- group discussion of reforming the committee (informal)
- e. MBCNA: Amy shares report (see google drive)
- a. Mike - "How is registration going?"

- b. Amy - "I don't have the restoration numbers right now, I think half of the base committee is registered. Other than that, I don't know if anyone has been announcing it, but registration has been open for a couple of months now. When I go to meetings, I'm not hearing it being announced, so I wanted to reiterate that registration is open and encourage everyone to get registered. It's been a slow start, but I've heard that in the past registration usually didn't open until about six months prior to the event. We opened it earlier than ever this year because I accidentally got the brochure out too early.

f. Women's Brunch: Rosie shares report (see google drive)

g. Outreach: no report

10. Old Business

I. ASC Position Nominations

- a. **Chair** – no new nominations
- b. **Vice Chair** – Tim resigned from his nomination.
- c. **Secretary** – Kristina nominates Nate, he qualifies himself, Does not have the clean time
- d. **Treasurer** – no new nominations
- e. **Vice Treasurer** – no new nominations
- f. **Literature Chair** – no new nominations
- g. **Literature Vice Chair** – no new nominations
- h. **Literature Assistant** – Lilly nominates Nate, he will consider.
- i. **RCM 1** – no new nominations
- j. **RCM 2** – no new nominations
- k. **H&I** – no new nominations
- l. **PI** – no new nominations
- m. **Activities Chair** – no new nominations
- n. **Talent Show Chair** – Diego volunteers himself, he qualifies himself.
- o. **MBCNA Vice Chair** – no new nominations
- p. **Outreach Chair** – Hadley nominates Barbara, she declines
- q. **Women's Brunch Chair** – no new nominations

II. ASC Position Votes

- a. **Chair** – for Kevin, 2 abstention, 27 yes, voting passes.
- b. **Vice Chair** – for Kristina R, 1 abstention, 28 yes, voting passes.
- c. **Secretary** – position open.
- d. **Treasurer** – for Anne H, 1 abstention, 26 yes, voting passes.
- e. **Vice Treasurer** – for Raichel P, 1 abstention, 25 yes, voting passes.
- f. **Literature Chair** – for Lillian K, 1 abstention, 26 yes, voting passes.
- g. **Literature Vice Chair** – no votes.
- h. **Literature Assistant** – no votes
- i. **RCM 1** – for Angelina, 1 abstention, 26 yes, voting passes.
- j. **RCM 2** – for Tamika 1 abstention, 27 yes, voting passes.
- k. **H&I** – for Nick, 1 abstention, 1 no, 25 yes, voting passes.
- l. **PI** – no vote, not present.

- m. **Activities Chair** – for Lawrence R, 1 abstention, 1 no, 25 yes, voting passes.
- n. **Talent Show Chair** – for Diego, 1 abstention, 26 yes, voting passes.
- o. **MBCNA Vice Chair** – for Amy, 3 abstention, 24 yes, voting passes.
- p. **Outreach Chair** – no voting.
- q. **Women’s Brunch Chair** – for Rosie, voting passes.

Addendum

Election of ASC Service Positions: All nominees were elected by the ASC

Chair	Kevin L.
Vice Chair	Kristina R.
Treasurer	Anne H.
Vice Treasurer	Raichel P.
Region Committee Member I	Angelina S.
Region Committee Member II	Tamika B.
Literature Chair	Lilly K.
H&I Chair	Nick
Activities	Lawrence R.
Talent Show	Diego A.
MBCNA ASC Rep.	Amie P.
Women’s Brunch	Rosie H.

11. Motions

- a. Motion: Rachel P. made a motion to reimburse the cost of making copies of literature order forms at Staples for Area Service. The reimbursement request was submitted with a receipt for copies made on April 13th.
- b. Motion: To change the clean time requirement for Secretary of ASC to 1 year.

Mike made a motion to change the clean time requirement for the secretary position from two years to one year, since the position does not handle money. The motion will need to go back to the groups for discussion and approval through the normal process.

The body discussed several pros and cons of the motion. Supporters noted that there are members with less than two years clean who are dependable, active in service, and capable of fulfilling the responsibilities of secretary. They also pointed out that service

participation has been low, and lowering the requirement could encourage more members to step into service positions.

Those opposed expressed concern that reducing the clean time requirement could create a slippery slope and weaken long-term stability in trusted servant positions. Some members shared that they have seen newer members become overwhelmed by service commitments and relapse. Others suggested that instead of permanently lowering the clean time requirement, the body could instead allow clean time requirements to be waived on a case-by-case basis through a group conscience vote.

There was also discussion about whether guideline changes should be broader and allow flexibility for waiving clean time requirements for multiple positions that do not handle money. However, it was clarified that this would require a separate motion.

During discussion, Mike stated that he would be open to a friendly amendment allowing clean time to be waived for the position instead of permanently lowering the requirement. However, after further discussion, he chose to leave the motion as originally written: changing the clean time requirement for secretary from two years to one year.

The motion was then prepared to be sent back to the groups for further discussion and voting.

- c. Motion: A motion was made for reimbursement of travel expenses to the RSC for February, March, and April at \$107 per month, totaling \$321. The reimbursement amount and months were clarified before the motion was accepted.
- d. Motion: A motion was brought forward requesting that Area Service add funds to the Activities Committee bank account to restore the balance to its default amount of \$4,000. The committee reported that the current balance was approximately \$2,766.42 and requested a deposit of \$1,233.58 from the general fund to bring the account back to the default balance.

During discussion, members clarified that the request was not for additional funds beyond the approved budget, but rather because the committee believed the account should automatically be restored to the default amount established during the annual budgeting process. Questions were raised about how the budget process works, whether subcommittees should routinely request replenishment funds, and how operational expenses are managed.

The Activities Committee explained that they were preparing for upcoming expenses, including over \$1,000 in insurance costs related to summer bonfire meetings. Members discussed the importance of balancing event expenses with fundraising efforts and maintaining financial sustainability through activities such as spaghetti feeds, campouts, and other events. It was emphasized that while the purpose of Activities is fellowship

and unity rather than profit, committees should still aim to break even whenever possible in keeping with the Seventh Tradition of being fully self-supporting.

Several members provided guidance regarding budgeting, operational reserves, and the importance of detailed financial planning. It was clarified that the Activities Committee already has its own checking account and that budget amounts are projections rather than automatic replenishment amounts. Members encouraged the committee to calculate specific expenses and submit motions for exact amounts if needed in the future.

After discussion and clarification, Lawrence, speaking for the Activities Committee, withdrew the motion. The committee stated they would meet separately to review their budgeting process and discuss future financial planning.

12. Open Forum

- a. Cassie - "Do we have venmo, or zelle for 7th tradition, or can i put a place or sign at my meeting for the venmo information?"
- b. The body discussed concerns regarding the Area storage unit, including overcrowding, outdated equipment, archived records, and rising storage costs. Members noted that there are large amounts of paper records, old literature order forms, financial documents, equipment, and miscellaneous items taking up space. Discussion focused on determining what records are legally required to be retained, what materials may be historically valuable, and what items could potentially be discarded or digitized.

Members clarified that financial records should be retained for seven years for legal and auditing purposes, though they may be stored digitally instead of as paper copies. It was suggested that historical materials and archives be reviewed by the History and Archives Committee to determine what should be preserved. Christina also referenced the Area guidelines, which state that archives from each subcommittee should be stored electronically whenever possible to save space.

Additional concerns were raised about the overall condition of the storage unit, including large equipment, missing coffee pots, unused materials, and limited space for Literature storage. Members discussed the possibility of downsizing to a smaller or less expensive storage unit and noted that other areas had reduced costs by switching units within the same facility.

Lawrence explained that the discussion was brought forward because the Literature Committee wanted to begin using the storage space again, but the unit had become overcrowded and disorganized. Rachel and others asked for clarification about the purpose of the discussion and what action the body hoped to take moving forward.

Cassie volunteered to organize a group to help clean and sort the storage unit. Mike clarified that a formal motion was not necessary and suggested forming an ad hoc committee with assistance from the Area Chair or Vice Chair. It was noted that similar cleanup efforts had been attempted in the past without success, but members agreed to

move forward with another attempt. Cassie agreed to coordinate with a chairperson after the meeting to organize volunteers and begin addressing the storage issues.

- c. Discussion regarding the World Service Learning Days (WSLD) conference. Angelina presented information about the upcoming conference, scheduled for October 16–18 in the San Fernando Valley, and explained that WSLD provides training, networking, and service learning opportunities for trusted servants throughout the western states. She and Rosie presented estimated travel expenses totaling approximately \$1,496.40, including hotel costs, registration, banquet fees, and mileage.

Members discussed whether Area Service should help fund attendance at the conference and whether funding could potentially come from other committees such as H&I or PI. Some members expressed support for sending trusted servants to gain information and training that could benefit the Area, while others raised concerns about financial priorities given ongoing budget discussions. A straw poll was conducted regarding whether the Area would be willing to fund approximately half of the projected expenses. The informal vote showed mixed support, with nine in favor and six opposed. No formal motion was made at that time, and members indicated that any future funding request would likely need to be brought back to the groups for further discussion.

Meeting End: 8:23PM

Submitted by Kristina Ruiz