

**CENTRAL INTERGROUP OF THE DESERT
INTERGROUP MINUTES
April, 6, 2006**

1. Jerald W. called the meeting to order with the Serenity Prayer.

Board Members

Chairman: Jerald W.
Vice Chairman: Katrina B.
Secretary: Carol D.
Treasurer: Fran G.

Directors

Bill B. Absent Jim K.
Bertha G. Ginny P.

2. **STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:** Jerald read the Reason for Central Office and passed around the 12 Traditions to be read by attendees.
3. **INTRODUCTION OF NEW ATTENDEES:** Kara, Tuesday "Fearless and Thorough" Big Book Study; and Reese, GSR dist 9.
4. **MINUTES:** Minutes of March 2, 2006 were read by secretary, Carol D. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the minutes were approved with the following corrections: #3, delete 8:15 AM (Mary represents all Attitude Adjustment meetings); #9 *Dennis R.* is volunteer for PI committee; #11 change *April to May* and *Dick* should be *Rick*; #14, change *wit* to *with*.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Fran presented the Monthly Financial Report for February 2006. Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Treasurer's Report was accepted with the following correction: "...Game Fundraiser..." should read, "*Dating* Game Fundraiser..."
6. **MANAGER'S REPORT:** D.C. reported on the following:
 - o Two major donations were made to Central Office by anonymous members: 1) large wall map on which main meeting locations are mapped and 2) a new microwave.
 - o Our webmaster, Jim, is doing an awesome job with new website which is helping us keep up with the way of the future. N.Y. GSO reports that over half of all its communications with AA members are done through their website.
 - o EAP (employee assistance programs) are now recommending AA for their "troubled" employees more and more over treatment centers.
 - o The meditation book, "Daily Reflections" was just printed in Latvian
 - o Pamphlet "Letter to the Woman Alcoholic" is on the list to be discontinued at the next GS conference. Anyone wanting to keep this pamphlet can talk to DC and he will give you address of where to write to voice your opinion.
 - o The value and importance of taking a Group Inventory was emphasized; Outlines are available at Central Office.
 - o Function of Central Office is to facilitate one alcoholic talking to another – not selling books, etc. Selling books is a service and one of the ways we stay self supporting.

7. **SPECIAL EVENTS:** In the absence of Special Events chair, Bill, Jerald announced that the next committee meeting for the Spring Fest will be Sunday, April 9 at 4 PM at Central Office.
8. **OUTREACH COMMITTEE:** Ginny P. asked reps that if they attend a meeting that does not have an Intergroup Rep to please encourage them to elect one. Ginny also reported that as of a result of making an announcement at the Monday night St. Paul meeting, Cody volunteered to be an Intergroup rep. Sobriety requirement is at the discretion of group. Question from the floor: Can one person represent more than one meeting. Answer is yes, however, each rep can only have one vote which can be problematic if the group conscience from two meetings is different.
9. **WEB MASTER and PUBLIC INFORMATION COMMITTEE:** Jim K. gave web report [www.aainthedesert.org] and stated we average 82 hits a day. Most referrals are coming from AGAPE. Lots of folks are downloading the meeting schedule. PI – currently committee is focused on ASAP meetings through the probation department (speaking to teens expelled from school due to alcohol/drugs). Jim’s plan is to talk to all the high schools before next term to let them know what services the committee has to offer. Jim also said he needs volunteers – preferably 30 years of age and younger. Also, it is a day time commitment – 2nd Thursday and 3rd Wednesday of every month.
10. **OLD BUSINESS:** Spring Fest committee meeting April 9th.
11. **NEW BUSINESS:** **A)** Stan Gilstrap was approved as new board member, taking the place of Lyman B. who resigned. **B)** Sober in the Sun Conference in May – need volunteers to work the central office table and volunteers to carry books from Central Office to the Conference and back. There is a sign-up sheet with 2 hour time slots. **C)** New fun thing for the Groupvine is “Ask an Alkie”. Questions and Answers will be in May Groupvine. **D)** Ginny asked for volunteers for the June Groupvine to write about Step 6 and Tradition 6. Paul volunteered for Step 6 and Chip for Tradition 6.
12. **GROUP REPRESENTATIVES - COMMENTS AND/OR CONCERNS:** None
13. **H&I / G.S.R Dist. 9:** Reese reported that District 93 is making a 15 second PSA and Dist 9 is thinking about copying it. Linda is the new district secretary. Maggie is the new committee chair for senior citizen outreach and Yolanda is the new District Chairperson. H&I – Reese reported that we lost the Whitewater panel due to lack of staff support but that a new panel is starting for Banning work camp.
14. **SEVENTH TRADITION:** Passed

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the meeting was closed with the Lord’s Prayer.

NEXT BOARD MEETING:	Thursday April 20th	@ 6:00 PM
NEXT INTERGROUP MEETING:	Thursday May 4th	@ 7:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol D.
Secretary