

**SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL SERVICE, DISTRICT 6**  
**General Service Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, July 12, 2011**

**7:00-7:30: New GSR Orientation**  
**7:00-7:30: Service Manual Study**  
**7:30-8:00: GSR Support Meeting**

**Karen S** (District Committee Member Chair) **opened with the Serenity Prayer and the General Service Preamble.**

**Brian C** (GSR, *The Leaky Cauldron*) **read Tradition 7.**  
**Richard B** (GSR, *They Don't Know Who We Are*) **read Concept 7.**

**New GSRs:** Brian C (GSR, *The Leaky Cauldron*), Kyle H (GSR, *Saturday High Noon*), Mark D (GSR, *Code Blue Big Book Study*), Richard B (GSR, *They Don't Know Who We Are*), Lisa D (GSR, *Lush Lounge*)

**New DCMs:** Jill G

**Visitors:** Ken M (Area Delegate), Dawn and Byron (both from Merced), Chris (New York)

**Birthdays:** Ken K (18 months), Jeff S (4 years), Astrud C (22 years), Devin McC (4 years), Alex P (26 years), Richard B (2 years)

**Volunteer for the Concept presentation next month:** Karen O'N

**Approval of minutes:** Approved.

**Approval of financials:** Approved.

**Barbara H** presented on Concept 7: Has to do with the management of AA. As a non-profit, we have a board of directors yet we are a membership organization controlled by membership, so there must be a mechanism for the two entities to exist and cooperate; AA has come up with a creative solution to balance the power between the two. Good news is that the conference (membership) is an advisory body only, but practically speaking exercises ultimate rights and power over AA. 7<sup>th</sup> tradition means we control the corporation's purse, so if we were really upset over something the trustees were doing, we could withhold their funds. Also interesting that, like other nonprofits, board tends to be responsible for selecting new members, but how to ensure good representation? Many things were tried but finally decided that the board could recruit its own membership, keeping in mind that their role would enable them to be circumspect in their pronouncements/judgments/opinions regarding fiscal or policy areas affecting AA. Managed organization with a very light hand; membership also recognized need to have that entity in place to make us more effective in reaching out to more alcoholics. Really a unique concept of sharing power.

**Visiting Officer Presentation**

**Ken M** (Area 6 Delegate), delivered his conference report.

**Reports**

**Ken K** (Special Events Coordinator): Unity Day will probably be Saturday, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. Will be held at the Urban Life Center; focus on service; expect BTG, GSR, PI/CPC, H+I, IFB, etc. Electronic sign-up sheet for volunteers will be made available; lots of opportunities for service.

**Rich G** (PI/CPC Liaison): Workshop on Thursday, 7PM @ Central Office, for those interested in speaking to the public about what AA is and is not. 2 years sobriety requirement, attend workshop, observe DUI class. Looking for young people; trying to reconnect with schools. ICYPAA being held in San Francisco over Labor Day weekend; we will be sponsoring a panel and have a table there.

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**Elise D** (H+I Liaison): Many openings for H+I meetings, particularly in hospitals and community facilities. Come talk to me or find an H+I rep at a meeting who can hook you up. Spoke with H+I business group about the proposal for a Hospitals+Corrections committee; we suggest starting locally and working with BTG. Working on connecting those two before we expand to bigger meetings.

**Andy T** (IFB Liaison): Just had elections, new treasurer, chair, and officers. Contributions have been trending downward; this was discussed briefly and was suggested that we talk to groups about our responsibility for self-support. Founder's Day very successful this year, have finally installed a plaque where the first regular meeting met on the west coast, in SF.

**Elizabeth B** (Literature): Gave a literature announcement; also have a list of events that you can share with your secretary to make announcements.

**Astrud C** (Grapevine Chair): Please talk to me if your group does not have a Grapevine Representative. I have surrendered trying to save the Grapevine and have accepted that I'm just here to bring awareness! Please contribute.

**Eddie W** (BTG Co-Chair): Information available to volunteer, find out what BTG's about.

**Brad W** (District Archives): Had a workday at the area archives. Worked on organizing our two drawers of materials. Looks like we don't have a complete run of all the minutes of our district. If anyone has copies of back minutes, please share them with us. Next workday will be on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Would like help setting up Archives Display at ICYPAA and November assembly.

**Ingrid S** (Assembly Co-chair): Please think about if you're going to be able to volunteer for the day, or head up a committee of volunteers. Need all the help we can get.

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

**Closed with the Responsibility Statement**