

**SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL SERVICE, DISTRICT 6**  
**General Service Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, August 9th, 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.**

**Michael S** (Alternate GSR, *Show of Shows*) **read Tradition 8.**

**David A** (GSR, *Queers, Crackpots, and Fallen Women*) **read Concept 8.**

**New GSRs:** Magdalena S (GSR, *Embarcadero YMCA Meetings*) Clay M (GSR: *Progress not Perfection*), Drew C (GSR: *Keep It Simple*), Michael S (Alternate GSR: *Show of Shows*), Tommy D (Alternate GSR: *Friday 6 Believers*), Sarah S (GSR: *Walk of Shame*), Craig S (GSR: *Serenity Seekers*)

**Visitors:** Kevin N (53<sup>rd</sup> ICYPAA chair), Dan (Security Chair, ICYPAA), DCMC Sonoma, Ray (DCMC Southern Alameda), Patty McC (Area 6 Alternate Delegate)

**Birthdays:** Mike B (4 years), Elise DiC (9 years), Jody L (20 years), Andy T (9 years), Amber W (22 years)

**Approval of minutes:** Approved.

**Approval of financials:** Approved.

**Rich G** (PI/CPC) presented: What we do: AA public information has one ultimate goal: to carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers. Try to reach the alcoholic indirectly and directly: by informing the general public about AA, informing those whose work may be involved with the active alcoholic, and by keeping the AA fellowship well-informed to help individual members carry the message. Recently we've been reached out to by residents at SFGH; they've been going to meetings @ 24<sup>th</sup> and Florida and grabbing coffee afterward/debriefing. Bright young physicians, interested in the science of how AA works, are very excited. Both San Mateo and SF parole officers have reached out to us, hold weekly meetings for parolees w/ social services, and we might start being present there for folks just been released from prison.

**Kevin** presented on ICYPAA:

53<sup>rd</sup> ICYPAA (International Conference of Young People in AA) on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Not like typical young peoples conference where everyone is tattooed and hopped up on Rockstar. There's still some of that there, mind you... but it's a serious AA conference; biggest conference to come to SF since 1991, which was the last time we hosted ICYPAA. One of very few conferences actually recognized by GSO. Program is just about done, publishing schedule probably within a week. Lots of foreign language panels, people coming in from all over the world. General service workshops, panels, delegates, lots of speakers. Over 50 panels in whole and entertainment all night. Definitely don't want to miss it. Important to get people from our home town! Grab a flyer and bring back to your home group!

**Ingrid S** (Fall Assembly Co-Chair): Other chair has resigned, so I am the remaining chair for the fall assembly. First time it is being held in SF in ~14 years. Working with district 16 w/ Marta+Sergio, been able to get some things done so far. Assembly prior to yours gives you a "Pass It On"; we are getting that on Saturday and will receive more info about what we need. Flier is ready to go, have decided on food and décor. Going to "SF it up" and neighborhood-theme all the tables. If you have experience and want to help out, please step up. We need a truck/SUV to use to load up the "Pass It On". Having trouble finding a space for the dinner+meeting the night before, need help with that as well. Assembly is Nov 5<sup>th</sup>, dinner is Friday before. Must hold at least 40 people so we can have dinner, needs to be in a private area if in a restaurant. We have food covered if it's not in a restaurant.

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Teddy W [REDACTED] made himself available for the other co-chair position and was accepted.

K [REDACTED]: Michael M [REDACTED] has had to step down, has too many jobs. Will definitely do a thorough "Pass It On", let's thank Michael!

M [REDACTED] describes the position: Treasurer checks district's PO box for donations, about 2x/month. Enters contributions into district spreadsheet, provides monthly report detailing contributions and expenses. Works with trusted servants to form annual budget, solicit feedback.

Alex P [REDACTED] made himself available for the Treasurer position and was accepted.

Ken K [REDACTED] Been working on unity day. Date is Oct 29<sup>th</sup>. We'll hear more next month. Saturday, all day, there will be lunch.

**Karen** (*Friday Women's Promises*) presented on Concept 8: Delineates what the trustees do vs. the directors of other separately incorporated services, which are really all just AAWS + publishing enterprises. Trustees are concerned with larger/more serious questions of policy, finance, group relations, public relations, leadership. Constantly confronted, can't deal with endless minutiae which arise daily/weekly/monthly. Can't manage and conduct in detail. Concept is about delegation of duty. Lead and delegate executive powers to those actually elected to manage various entities. Better to have their own employees, offices, executives do day to day work whereas trustees do oversight.

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

**Visiting Officer Presentation**

**Patty McC [REDACTED]** (Alternate Delegate, Area 06) :If you're new to General Service, I've sat in your chair and wore those shoes. Didn't know what was going on and someone reminded me that I was a newcomer to AA once and felt the same way. Most important thing they said when I was new was "get in the car"; met a lot of General Service folks that way! Encourage you to stick it out, learn the lingo, and show up! You are supposed to show up, it says it right in the service manual! Duties: attend district meetings, also attend area assemblies. You get to meet folks from other districts as well as get to know your own, especially in a big district where you don't necessarily go to the same meetings. Other reason is that you get to meet other DCMCs, DCMs, officers, check out archives table, and grab info to take back to your group.

You'll get to see Bridging the Gap; they are a great community and will talk to you and show you how to participate. That stuff isn't just for GSRs/DCMs; it is also for your group members to participate so go find out more!

You'll get conference reports from your delegate and be able to start going back to groups to share info with them. Those will be there this time, and are a real exciting thing to get.

Oh and you have an assembly coming up! Know how to do it? When we took on the PRAASA bid for Oakland 3 years ago, we shadowed and learned. Your job is simple: go and see what kitchen workers do, how registration goes, etc. Go see so you know what to expect and what to do! Get real excited, and get your groups involved.

I am a changed woman because my sponsor said "get in the car" and participate in General Service! We are needed to hold up the traditions of AA. We've got business to do; it's not all fun and games, some of it is serious business. Some of you new folks who are not sure what the motions are about: that's ok. Take your time; you're making decisions that will affect all of CNCA. Get as much info as we can and ask the hard questions!

Here's a motion, for example: that we form a standing committee on corrections. Do your

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homework and explore these things.

There is a redistricting request. An opportunity to do an inventory. Talk to your group, bring them ideas about the concepts. What about the preamble? We've got new members who don't even know about the Traditions, or preamble, or Unity Statement. Great opportunity to inform members!

If you're not ready to vote, it's OK! Speak from the heart, hear reports, and inform your group. Talk to members that have been in General Service; they will tell you that their sobriety has improved 100-fold by being around. It's your assembly! Lots of interesting questions coming up.

**Teddy:** We have a new website. What can we do to carry the message to still-suffering alkie and serve District 6? A way forward would be for an ad-hoc group of people to come together, come up with ideas and guidelines, and come back to the district with guidelines for the web.

**Karen:** There's a lot to discuss, if you like being on the Internet, step up!

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

**What's on your mind:**

**Denise** (*Women's 10 Year Plus*): Just started a once a month thing called the Magical Mystery Tour. The last Friday, we go to a meeting within 1 hour's drive. The exact meeting is a mystery until that night, and we have dinner before or after.

**Elizabeth B** [redacted] Gave a literature announcement.

**Teddy:** We may move across the street. Also please bring FM radios to the assembly so you can hear a loving God in English and Spanish.

**Karen:** When I went to PRAASA one thing I loved so much, and why I brought back CDs, is what I heard from the different areas. Up in Alaska they have to fly to get around their district!

**Dale C** [redacted] (GSR, *Primary Purpose Group*, Dublin, CA): Really strong, structured meeting, one of the largest in the Tri-Valley: 70-100 people/evening, speaker only meeting. We start off with two 10 minute speakers followed by one main speaker.

**Elise** (H+I): Right now we have 49 H+I reps, up 4 from last month. Please elect one if you don't have one. Year-to-date contributions for Northern California H+I are down 33% compared to last year. One suggestion we are making to groups is: don't hold on to H+I contributions until you have a lot to disburse; instead, disburse every month so we know how much we're actually collecting! At the last business meeting we changed our structure for H+I in SF. Previously we had 3 committees/areas for Northern California H+I. We're the only place that did that: one was for hospitals, one was for rehabs, and one was for jails. We've just combined them all into one.

**Ray** (DCMC, District 70, Southern Alameda): Thanks everyone for allowing us the opportunity to visit. Any of you that want to come see our district meeting, it is the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month in Castro Valley. Really important that all you GSRs/officers get to the assembly, where the voice of AA gets passed on to our delegate. Also where you find out stuff that you can pass back to your groups about what's going on. One issue that will be discussed in Saturday's business meeting that we have a vested interest in in the East Bay is the new Spanish language district they're discussing creating that will encompass the East Bay. Think about that, talk to groups about that.

Some background: There are 23 groups, some of whom feel like they're not getting their representation, talking about having their own district. At one time they were part of Spanish language districts in the City/Peninsula, but that never worked out. Getting across the Bay was a

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problem.

**Meeting from the Hat:**

**Brad W** [REDACTED] (GSR, *Tuesday Newcomers*): Meeting has been in existence longer than I've been sober, more than 13 years. Meets at the same time as we meet, across the street at the Unitarian Church in the basement choir room. Mostly gay men, but everyone is welcome. Speaker/discussion, maybe 30-40 people attend each week. Dunno if there's anything else unique about it that I can tell you, but come and visit! Lots of long-term sobriety.

**Teddy** gave a sample GSR report.

**Closed with the Responsibility Statement**