

SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL SERVICE, DISTRICT 6
General Service Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, April 10, 2012

6:30-7:00: Bridging the Gap Orientation
7:00-7:30: New GSR Orientation
7:00-7:30: 12 Concepts and Service Manual Study
7:30-8:00: Sub-District Meeting

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

A member read Tradition 4.

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Birthdays: Alejandro De E [REDACTED] (9 years), Karen S [REDACTED] (9 years).

Karen S [REDACTED]

Preconference Assembly is this weekend, April 13-15. Karen asked who still needs a ride and who has room in their cars.

Mike will lead the Food Ad Hoc Committee. It will meet after the meeting.

Web Committee will meet after the meeting, if the Web Guidelines pass.

Notices from officers and liaisons are included in the mailing.

Tony M [REDACTED] PI-CPC Liaison: Speakers are needed. There will be a speaker workshop on April 17 at Central Office. There is a two-year sobriety requirement for PI-CPC speakers.

Alex, Local Forum Liaison: This is a Local Forum, not a Spanish-Speaking Forum, with representatives from New York. Most of the Local Forum will be presented in English. It will be on July 7-8, 2012. It will be in Daly City. It will be fun! There will be a dance.

Raymundo L [REDACTED] Area Registrar: Before the 1970s, the Area Secretary carried out the duties of this position. Then the position split into two. The Area Registrar sends all changes to group information to GSO. The Area Registrar checks forms for accuracy and to avoid duplication. Updates must be made in a timely manner so that the correct information is on the mailing labels for the CNCA Comments. The Area Registrar maintains area assembly information and brings registration forms for each assembly. Prior to the election assembly, the Area Registrar prepares a list of all members eligible for election. It takes 30-40 hours per month. More hours are required before the quarterly assemblies. The Area Registrar's position is important because once a group is listed, it becomes part of the group conscience of all of AA. It is important for us to know how many groups, districts, and subdistricts there are in the Area. In District 6, there are active 330 groups. There are 25 subdistricts in the district. There are 2,497 groups in Area 6. There are 1,200 inactive groups in the Area. Only GSO has the authority to delete groups. The Area can only designate them as inactive.

Presentation on Concept 4 by Alejandro De E [REDACTED]: This is one of Alejandro's favorite concepts. It codifies the Right of Participation. He likes this concept because at this time of year, we are all talking about the Pre-Conference Assembly, the Agenda Topics, and what the Delegate needs to know for the Conference. Concept 4 explains the voting mechanism at the Conference. The Delegates and the GSO Board

comprise the Conference. The board trustees, directors of the two corporations, and GSO employees also get to vote. This system maintains balance. No member is placed in authority over another. The conference is organized by committees. Delegates serve two-year terms. Trustees serve four-year terms. The GSO employees provide continuity because they serve for longer periods of time.

Minutes: Approved.

Financials: Approved.

District Business

Housekeeping motions:

1. That the District approve the Web Committee Guidelines.

Karen and Susan read the Website Policies/Guidelines/Procedures.

Karen: The District's draft Web Guidelines are similar to the Area's Web Guidelines. We started the website because the District Registrar needed help figuring out what groups are in each subdistrict. When Michael from the Intercounty Fellowship Board (IFB) provided the information on the groups, he offered to set up a webpage for us. He set up the webpage, and now we want to get the Web Guidelines approved so we have some guidance on how to use the website and a Web Committee to oversee use of the website. The site exists already. The IFB hosts the website for a monthly \$30 donation. The IFB owns the domain name.

Minority Opinion: Does not see a reason for the website. The Web Guidelines need some work. Some groups are included in the pre-defined content and some are not. Concern about the procedure for removal of content. It requires a report from the District Committee and the process should be quicker.

MOTION PASSED, MINORITY OPINION WAS HEARD, MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION PASSED.

2. That the District add a link on its website calendar for online registration for the Local Forum.

The calendar of events already exists. When you click on an event, a separate page for that event opens up. We would like to add a Paypal button to the page for the Local Forum so that we can offer online registration for the Local Forum. There are concerns about using Paypal, because use of Paypal is an endorsement by AA. This is a valuable service that we would like to use and it does not result in an endorsement of Paypal. We are simply using a service like groups rent space for meetings and pay for books, materials, and other services with credit cards. Why are we trying to add something to the website when we did not approve the Web Guidelines? We should incorporate these concerns in the Web Guidelines. The IFB's website (aasf.org) is the proper place to provide online registration.

MOTION WITHDRAWN.

Discussion Topics:

1. Should District 6 form a committee to research a putting in a bid for one of the Panel 63 assemblies?

We should put in a bid for an assembly because they are really fun. Do they rotate? Would San Francisco be hogging the spotlight by hosting one so soon after we just hosted one? No motion was made. We will continue our discussion of this topic next month.

2. How can our sub-district structure better serve us?

We would like to use our subdistricts more effectively. Marin recently asked if they could go from 12 to 8 subdistricts. Marin recommended the reduction because they are spread too thin. Many subdistricts in San Francisco do not have any GSRs. Our subdistricts mean less than they do in other

districts. In other districts, people only go to meetings in their subdistrict. Here in San Francisco, people go to meetings in various subdistricts. We probably have too many subdistricts. It would help to know what is the purpose of the subdistricts, the history, and the impact of the reduction. We will continue our discussion of this topic next month.

7th Tradition.

Larry D presented about his home group, A is for Alcohol, 2900 24th Street, Tuesdays, 6pm: It is a literature/speaker/discussion meeting. They change what literature they use throughout the year.

Karen S: If you cannot make it to the Pre-Conference Assembly, please e-mail your group consciences to any District Officer so they can present them.

Closed with the Responsibility Statement.