

SAN FRANCISCO GENERAL SERVICE, DISTRICT 6
General Service Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 12th, 2013

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A. Opening – Standing Items

- General Service Preamble (Amber W [redacted] Treasurer), Concept 2 (Daniel G [redacted]) and Tradition 2 (Lewis)
- Welcome of
 - New GSRs –

- Recognition of Birthdays/Anniversaries since our last meeting
 - Cheryl 6 years
 - Chelsea 5 years
 - Anabelle 8 years
 - Nikki F [redacted] 6 years
 - Jill 4 yearsVisitors : VOLUNTEER for a 2-Minute Presentation on Concept 2 at February meeting : Ian M [redacted]
- Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports : Approved however trusted servant Mike B [redacted] misspelling needs to be changed.
- **District Committee Members / Officers / Liaison Reports** (please submit written report to secretary prior to the district meeting).

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A. Opening – Standing Items

- General Service Preamble, Tradition 2 and Concept 2
- Welcome of New GSRs, DCMs, and Visitors
 - James S [redacted] – Noon Sundays
 - Kent [redacted] Friday 8 PM Castro
 - James D [redacted] – No Reservations
 - Amberhouse P [redacted] – Sunday gay mens Stag Castro country club
 - Daniel G [redacted] – Mission Terrace
 - Kirk w [redacted] -

- Caretsen – Monday High noon
- Shaneastan J [REDACTED] –
- Padget – Bernal New day
- Jane W [REDACTED] – Walk of Shame
- Kristi B [REDACTED] – Reality Farm
- Lewis C [REDACTED] – Alt for Living Sober
- Stephanie [REDACTED] – Sat at 7
- Mike [REDACTED] – Castron discussion 8:30 Thursday

- New DCMs

- Visitors

- Dawn T [REDACTED]
- Doug G [REDACTED]
- Padee McC [REDACTED] (area delegate)
- Tony C [REDACTED]

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- VOLUNTEER for a 2-Minute Presentation on Concept 3 at March meeting :
Mike B [REDACTED]
- Approval of Minutes and Financial Reports
 - Amber prior to financial report has Ingrid S [REDACTED] talk about workshop
 - Mike B [REDACTED] asks his name to be spelled correctly in past minutes.

Amber reports and mentions that we are not \$756 over on our budget despite how the budget looks. It has been accounted for and she will explain this bookkeeping to anyone who wants
- **District Committee Members / Officers / Liaison Reports** (please submit written report to secretary prior to the district meeting).
- Housekeeping motions (if any) arising from reports:
 - None
- Presentation of Concept 2: Ian M [REDACTED]
Individual groups have delegated authority essentially to this committee developed to serve us that is here to serve AA and we have authority to change it but we have authorized GSC which we know as GSO it is the effective voice of AA world wide, and we in fact imbued/endowed it with operational authority worldwide, maintain offices in New York and it's our

thing. WE trust them to do it and they are our trusted servants so thank you very much.

- Visiting Officer Presentation: Padee McC [REDACTED], CNCA Delegate, Panel 63: The Agenda Topics
Process: from Idea to Advisory Action & What The Delegate Needs to Know

Padee – I brought some fliers if anyone wants to go as well as a couple of the inventory questions the conference will go through this year. And Also I brought a few copies (that was probably sent to you by DCMC) the thing and presentation topics, which you can be discussing with your groups. The triangle is more than a shape. What is our primary purpose? Has some of the preliminary topics and inventory questions on there. Pretty sure you got this email to you.

DO you have an extra agenda

Again my name is Padee McC [REDACTED] and I am an alcoholic. I can't tell you how exciting it is to be in GS and be your delegate. When I sat in GSR and thought the people who did this work were so spiritual and they got us thru meetings and people still like each other. And when I went to district meetings and saw other cities realized AA became very large to me. When I read pass it on or coming of age I see how important AA is all over the world and what you do is important and it affects our friends in Japan and India, if we change something in our literature it affects everyone in A in the world. Ask yourself is this really needed is this really necessary. Ask your self if it's needed,

Our book isn't a Harry Potter book with a different world on each page. But I read it and I see it differently. My sponsor says that I change not the big book. We don't move like a business not chop chop like the business world.

How do we put something up as an agenda item? We think we want to change the book, or the newcomer pamphlet says nothing about the big book or the sponsors. A group will study this stuff and say it doesn't say that we need to put it in there. If they have a GSR they can do something. If they don't have a GSR they can't do anything unless they know a past delegate but no red phone linen to connect them. Best way to get a conf. topic on the agenda and have it discussed in US and Canada is to get a GSR and have them meet . That GSR and you all meet and yes we want this pamphlet changed and we want the big book in there and yes that's how we feel. Then Gsr says great take it to district. "Wow , we should change this", says your group conscience and then the other GSR's discuss and say it's dumb but then maybe one person agrees and conscience shifts. That little fire that grew and it is so awesome .and then your dcmc brings it to the area and the area talks about it and then people say that's a bomb idea. Then we discuss it for a few months maybe a year and then we ask the conference to do it after voting at the assembly. We just say, we really like this idea and we trust you will be able to figure out how to word it.

It passes at assembly and then it moves on and someone writes a letter and it gets passed to the right trustee committee . might say "bad idea" or might say this is the 4th time we've got this request so let's put it on the agenda to talk about this year. And then we send it back out. So now every group with a GSR is involved in changing it and it goes all over the US and Canada. All these folks talk about the idea.

The delegates sit at preconference assembly and hear from us and then they carry it back to conference and they take the group conscience to the assembly. Then the committee writes a note on it, and they try wording and do a draft pamphlet.

Eg. Why was living sober rewritten ? b/c/ someone said living sober was ancient in this county. It took a long time and someone said its time to rewrite this. Yeah the wording on this wrong or we should up contributions is something a delegate may say, and those ideas come from folks not just in our area from elsewhere. These are some of the way the topics make it up here for you guys to discuss it take awhile. Sometimes a 2 year process go get it out to conference and then back in. we DON'T make snap decisions. When we make quick decisions e.g. When we di an e-book and then we had this affiliation with Amazon and we were getting Commericals and then time out. We do that because we're human but when it comes to really serving AA as a whole it is best to go slow. That is how we do what we do here. My job is to listen to you guys and what you say and really hear it. If you're a GSR and you want a meeting - awesome. You are in a room of 300 people and they are GSR's and they can go back to their group and keeps the fire going. If you guys don't come with your experiences and ideas and your whys and why not's and concerns i'm only gonna go with what I know. I've been in AA for a while i use my sponsor and my service sponsors but I only know what I know. But if I go w/ what I know I have my voice and I feel cheated. And ill make a choice on MY spiritual condition or what is good for AA b/c I have to think of big picture cant just think about my area or homegroup.

Ben waiting for release of final topics (Friday) and been trying to plan but have to wait till Friday. And Friday we will get agenda topics on Friday and background info (500-800 pgs) and we get to distribute out to DCM's, DCMC's and they help to guide GSR's who want t know about literature. Then DCM says great I will send you background on that one topic you want.

Padee also addresses how this has also been shared out to Spanish speaking community

We are gonna summarize and get it out to you. What is the topic, its history and what does the delegate need you to know.

There is stuff we don't kneed to know such as trustee related business. Or voting on where a regional or natl. even will be stays in committee. But how will want to share and talk about grapevine or what is our theme. What are the presentation topics we are gonna talk about. Is it talking about primary purpose, and hand of aa always being there. I'm really excited about this. And we have preconference April 6-7

Get your group sparked, email or snail mail me give it to another GSR or dcmc. I you have an idea you heard that is different than what everyone else has said than share that! That is important. I've heard a few different read. I want to know as much as I can know about the heartbeat of AA and the only way I'm gonna is from you.

After 11 days at conference (6 days sharing voting, business, I get to come back and do post conference assembly and future it out into a topic I can present and you get to go share in your groups: this is what's changed, this is what hasn't this is what might. We do a slow process over the summer. Ask

your groups about literature changes , themes, how to carry the message. It all cycles out through the summer and then it all comes back waiting,,,, waiting...

I've seen the process work . panel 63- for 63 years the process bill and bob created has been working for 63 years. If you have questions please ask officers who have experience or me. don't; beat yourself up if you don't do it perfectly .don't beat yourself up. I wasn't; a great GSR or DCM and I wont be a great delegate unless you inform me.

Amber: if not been through process of gathering a group conference hands up. If you went last year please stand.(they stand) these are your service sponsors they will walk you through. Last anyone have questions for Padee.

David W[REDACTED]: What do you find effective to get group conscience.

Padee: pamphlet on spirituality 2 things important: what did your members thing was important. 2) but also had a tally. There is validity to have a tally because it also gives a picture. Sometimes a delegate says 150 of you lined up at the mike and I need to see all the groups that are in favor and supposed just to get an idea and THEN we gather individual ideas. It helped us to manage the time if you don't;; come prepared you can't participate. So tallies shave some merit. Be listening for all of it. Or if you don't want to ask at group level or ask later please to. I'm here.

Amber: how many people got the flier for agenda topics workshop all about clarifying everything that Padee just said. We will be meeting Saturday march 16th at urban life center from 1 to 5 pm. An afternoon (reads flier) after we give Padee group consciences in April . Padee goes and to NY and shares and comes back. Over the fall we will do a group inventory. Raise your hand if you have exp with group inventory. We will have an assembly that is an inventory of the area. We have done this before and we have done it her in SF and again we get to do it her in SF.

Tonight an election for 2 fearless warriors. You will get a kit on how do to this and you should talk to Ingrid because she will tell you what she got on what it was like to do this:

Ingrid: I'm Ingrid s[REDACTED] and I'm an alcoholic and I was a co-coordinator on this assembly when we did it last year/ 2 years ago. (November) I like to throw events. What can I say/ you don't to it alone and with conjunction with district 16 (Spanish speaking subdistrict) basically 4 of you. Assembly consists of dinner the night before you have to coordinate (it's a paid dinner). Then assembly the next day. Putting together food, and basically you thrown a party for the day have to arrange tables, volunteers, food, and that's what you do all day. Business part has nothing to do with what you do. You just need to throw the / set the room and make sure there is food and doing it with district t16. Last year district 16 did the food (one was a caterer and had volunteers help) great way to be of service. Jane)(new gsr) was a volunteer and it was awesome because her and her friends had never done gsr and they were just of service for AA and they stuck around and now Jane is a gsr. So exciting. Great experience. Lot of fun. Great to be of service. It expands my

AA community and my love and knowledge of AA. Great way to be service of AA as GSR and for the whole district.

B. District Business Service Positions – Positions to be filled: BTG Co-Chair/Grapevine/Literature Assistant/Coffee Maker/Intergroup Liaison/PICPC Liaison/Assembly co-chairs/District Committee Members.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- 3rd Legacy election to select Assembly Co-Chairs

Amber explains process of saying if you are available or not.

Ingrid explains more details about requirements. If you will not be around in October you are not available.

Kirk W [redacted] available. David W [redacted] is available. Mark S [redacted], James S [redacted].

Each person says why he or she is available:

Kirk: mentions his GSR service but hasn't been done it for 15 years and can throw parties in his sleep

David W [redacted]: discusses his service record mentions his other service might conflict

James: discusses his qualifications

Mark: former partier and open. Is available and will be around in November.

Amber explains third legacy. (see service manual)

Someone asks to here his or her name

Discussion Topics: [Brought to the district by groups, GSR's or any trusted servant and discussed until a motion is brought forward for consideration or the district decides to pass.]

- Food at District Meeting (introduced by Mike B [redacted])

I've been assisting with food at IGR meetings. Now we are only supplying pizza and water and it's cheap. And I want to make this a full meal we make it pizza, chicken, lasagna, desserts, and people do it each month. Full plates, silverware etc.. Person and assistant and volunteers. And do food collection after 7th tradition. 250 – 300 dollars collected and much fewer than we are. They change on a fully monthly basis lasagna, dessert and 2 for salad. Beverage dinner and dessert hope that coffee maker could be rolled into this too. Coffee food beverages could take care of this to. Wanted to discuss this at the group. Feeling that when I brought it to the planning meeting teddy mentioned that this might be done by right of decision because I am food coordinator. Don't feel right. Ts your money and felt it important to discuss at meeting. Teddy said yes put as discussion topic.

Pros, cons comments?

Alcoholic: how much we brought in ?

Mike \$116 dollars last month when mike turned it was around \$180. This has been done successfully .some people e either unable or unwilling to contribute. At igr there is always people who contribute more for those who are unable to contribute. That brings it more into lien with traditions and concepts.

Amber: Mike please stay up here as we pause.

Riaz: I think that this discussion is not useful. I am interested in helping alcoholics get recovered and does discussing food really do that.?

Ian: on the one hand sure, on the other if there were food I would eat it.

David: how do we make it more inviting to people. The groups are leas represented are young people or its not pacific heights I would argue not every time can the gsr and iwas waiting to go home and eat out. If we are going to think this is frivolous that a community meal might create community

amber returns back to mike and share conscience on food

Mike summarizes results of people's input. He reserves right of decision to try his plan. If others want a motion amber requested thy talk to her.

At the end of third legacy Fall assembly Co-chairs:

Kirk W [REDACTED] (winner)

James S [REDACTED] (Also Chosen)

PI/CPC Liaison: Frederick G [REDACTED]

C. Area Committee Meeting Business Presentation of New Business: None
New Business:
Old Business: None **Discussion Topics:** None

D. Assembly Business The next assembly is April 6-7, 2013.

Presentation of New Business:

New Business: None **Old Business:**

9:15 – 9:30

E. Closing – Standing Items

- 7th Tradition
 - Group highlights out of “the hat”
 - Pass the Basket for Food Contributions
 - What’s On Your Mind
- People shared more on food at GSR meetings

9:30 Close

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