

District 06 (San Francisco) **Minutes** for General Service Meeting **Tuesday, August 13th, 2013**

St. Marks Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs), 1111 O'Farrell Street, SF, CA.

6:30 – 7:00 Bridging the Gap Orientation/Meeting: Susan G./Ed McG.

7:00 – 7:30 New GSR Orientation: Andy T.

7:00 – 7:30 12 Concepts & Service Manual Study: Dawn T.

7:30 – 8:00 Sub District Meeting: Facilitated by **District Committee Members** facilitated by Rhys G. Topic: Handling of Sub-District Meetings (contd.)

8:00 – 9:30 District Meeting: Facilitated by Teddy W., District Committee Member Chair

A. Opening – Standing Items

- General Service Preamble, Tradition 8 (Steven B) and Concept 8 (Will G)
- Welcome of New GSRs, DCMs, and Visitors

New GSR's

Steven B. - No Reservations
Sharon T. - All together Now
Will G. - Sunday Night Castro Discussion
Frederick G. Living Sober

Visitors

Sam T. – Rebound Group in San Francisco Martha Irizarry (District 16)

AA Birthdays

Guy 8 years Mike B. 6 years Christy B. – 3 years
Andy T. – 11 years

- VOLUNTEER for a 2-Minute Presentation on Concept 9 at September meeting at June meeting: David W.
- Approval of Financial Reports
- **District Committee Members / Officers / Liaison Reports** (please submit written report to secretary prior to the district meeting).

Fall Assembly update

(Kirk W.) (James S.)

Kirk – summer assembly helped them get an idea of what to do. They have a flier in the works. They need volunteers to help – set up, coffee, cleanup, tear down

David W – Do you want groups to take responsibility?

Kirk - Yes

Mike B – I can bring this around to my groups and let them know.

James – We will need a lot of people so that would be great. There is a lot of parking there but dinner is at the same site the next day, entertainment during lunch on Saturday, so if you can get your group to take parking that would be great

Kirk – Great to have an assembly November 8-9th at a place that is SO easy to get to. It's free to come. It's a great exposure to Area service an GSO.

James - Catered dinner. Dinner is \$25 and speaker meeting (Madeleine P).

Alcoholic – Is there a list of volunteer opportunities?

James – The flier has list of time slots but we need to talk to subcommittees

Kirk – Assembly starts at 7 . A lot of people doing a little bit and we need some fresh bodies at the end of the day to clean up.

Teddy - 9-5 is assembly 8 is registration.

- Housekeeping motions (if any) arising from reports:

• Presentation of Concept 7: Ed McG.(concept 7 b/c playing catch-up)

• Visiting Officer Presentation:

Sam T. (He was treasurer in panel 41 and alt. delegate in panel 43) Sobriety date: Sept 28, 1983. Has served as GSR and DCM in district 7 across the bay. There was a time in sobriety when going to any lengths meant crossing the Bay bridge(!) . He got in when he was turning 2. GS was a very important part of my recovery. It was in GS that I began to learn what it meant to practice principles in all my affairs. Tried to do it in groups like this, but then we find we are alcoholics, think things through, and think we have some great answers. We then conclude that doing things MY way would be really good. First gathering of group conscience in my group I learned. I told them what I was going to say. And then I found out what I wasn't going to say! To get a decision say, "I think we should do this" , and then people agree/disagree and come to a consensus. I learned to listen. I tell people GS can be a great thing and it was really my home group for 10 years. I find that GS requires a high tolerance for bullshit. But, I learned to listen and to communicate back to the best of my ability. It has been a gift beyond price. It has really let me apply the principles of the program to my business and to the leadership of a nationwide non-profit organization that I was honored to be the president of for 4 years. Let's talk about that later since it's not an AA issue. Finding out that I wasn't going my way, that it just wasn't going to happen; that AA is run by the collective conscience of the group. Stuff doesn't happen because someone says, "you're going to do that". We are drunks and we don't take that kind of direction well. WE work much better when we all own the group conscience and that is the key to general service. Welcome to it, it can really ground your program. I am Sam and I am an alcoholic.

Available positions

- Literature coordinator (Larry) main thing - need new GSR packets, we get 5 grapevines a month and there is a big - Greg will step up temporarily.
- Service Manual Study (Dawn) main thing - 7 PM before meeting and dinner. Don't need to be an expert its just to be a facilitator. Great way to investigate concepts - Rhys G.
- Intergroup Liason - Mike B.

B. District Business Old Business: None

New Business: None

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.]

C. Area Committee Meeting Business [Business being discussed at the Area Committee Meeting. [We may obtain a district conscience on these items and/or you may obtain your group's conscience]

Presentation of New Business: None **New Business:**

Old Business: None

Discussion Topics: None

D. Assembly Business o That CNCA cease production, copying and mailing of hardcopy versions of *CNCA Comments/Comentarios* except when individually requested. - Web Committee

Pro - its been discussed for a few years. 1) It's time has come. "AA service is anything that enables the carrying of the message." 2) It Is \$1100 a month. We are currently running a deficit budget. Is it a prudent use 3) increase use mobile news

letter 4) graphics could be added that would be costly on print 5) save volunteer hours 6) a few requests could be handled by ad-hoc committee

Con – My personal experience when I have a comments in my hand I can carry them in my hand and take them to a meeting and ask them what they think. I have used them to educate AA members. I use them to recruit AA members to GS. Not all in AA have ability to print them. We need communication. No matter what the cost.

Mike - \$0.63 per person per copy. Not worth cutting because it's a minimal expense.

Rhys – they are shifting cost to districts from area

David W – Shifting of cost to district is new info. I think a higher %age of us would wan to get it on phones and email. Thinking of smaller places budgets would not be able to bear the expense

Mike B. - concern: people might benefit from being mailed might opt out of it because they don't want to be a burden.

Presentation of New Business: None

New Business: None

Old Business: None

Discussion Topics:

9:15 – 9:30

E. Closing – Standing Items

- 7th Tradition
- Group highlights out of “the hat”
- What’s On Your Mind
- Sample GSR Report

9:30 Close

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Trusted Servant Reports

It is our Group Conscience that we do not have verbal reports during the meeting, but that Trusted Servants with information provide a written report to be circulated with the agenda. Time at the meeting will be allowed for time-sensitive items that have arisen since the mailing. What follows are written Trusted Servant reports:

Registrar: Please check the District Sign-in Sheet at your table to verify your name and contact information. District officers and trusted servants are listed on pages 1-2 by position. District Committee Members (DCMs) and General Service Representatives (GSRs) are listed by Sub-District beginning on page 2, with an alphabetical list of meetings for each Sub-District. If you do not know your Sub-District, please check the Sub-District map available at www.sfgeneralservice.org. If you are a new GSR, please submit a Group Information Change Form during the New GSR Orientation or see the Registrar