

District 06 (San Francisco) **AGENDA** for General Service Meeting **Tuesday, February 9, 2016**
St. Marks Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs), 1111 O'Farrell Street, SF, CA.

6:30 – 7:00 Bridging the Gap Orientation/Meeting: **OPEN**

7:00 – 7:30 New GSR Orientation: Lauren H.

7:00 – 7:30 12 Concepts & Service Manual Study: Laurel S.-S.

7:30 – 8:00 GSR Sharing Session: Facilitated by District Committee Members

8:00 – 9:30 District Meeting: Facilitated by Rhys G., District Committee Member Chair

A. Opening – Standing Items

- Gen. Service Preamble, Trad. 2 (Long Form) by Stacy M., and Concept 2 by Nereida G.
- Welcome, New GSRs! Stacy M., Girls Gone Mild; Caleb A., No Reservations; Nereida G., Room to Grow; Tia W., Women's Kitchen Table; Dana N., Walk of Shame; Eric C., Leaky Cauldron; Samantha F., Cow Hollow Young People; Karen R., Women's Promises; and Miles G., Bernal New Day. New DCM: Amber G.; and Welcome to our visitor, Barbara S., Recording Secretary Panel 65
- Recognition of Birthdays/Anniversaries since our last meeting – Elena, four years; Chelsea, 8 years; and Mark, 2 years. Congrats!!
- Approval of prior month's minutes: approved as printed.
- Presentation of current month's Financial Reports by Lauren H: the area treasurer gave us a card to thank us for our year end distribution! Group contributions--average for a January, @\$1000, and exceptional one-time expense was DCMC to PRAASA expenses; also other one-time expenses for the year: rent for Agenda Topics Workshop; and Grapevine subscription
- Presentation of Concept 2 – Virginia
- VOLUNTEER for a 2-Minute Presentation on Concept 3 for March meeting - Alex
- DCMC Report: The letter I sent was draft, not the final one I intended. Thank you Lauren for doing the GSR Orientation! The Agenda Topics Workshop is coming up on March 12, all GSRs encouraged to come—bring some sweets to share! This Workshop gives GSRs a chance to learn about agenda topics and the annual conference process of GSRs giving the delegate (at Pre Conference Assembly) their group's opinion on the agenda topics; this helps GSRs also select what topics they may want to bring to their groups (to get their group's opinion, to then share with the delegate). What is a DCM? They are our go-to folks helping GSRs w/questions about General Service: Gilbert, Andy, Lauren, Amber; Pre-Conference Assembly 4/9/16-4/10/16—come, it's 20 min away, and you can stay for the dinner, then go home and come back the next day, or stay overnight; we can use a ride coordinator to Pre-Conference Assembly. If you can help coordinate rides, email
- (No Officer/Liaison Reports presented or submitted in writing.)
- Presentation from Visiting Area Officer: Barbara S., Panel 65 Recording Secretary, presented on why it's important to gather your group's conscience on the agenda topics. Creative ideas at the Agenda Topics Workshop will help you to lure your group into engaging in giving a conscience (that is, giving an opinion about agenda topics, such as the current proposal to create a plain language edition of the Big Book). Why the conference exists: figure out what is best for finances, literature, other decisions in AA. This is to ensure AA is there for that little baby being born tonight who will one day need to come to AA. Good food at the Assembly, and free! The conference process helps inform our delegate, and this is the spiritual part of your job, getting that information from your group and to the delegate. Delegate won't necessarily go with the area's conscience (if there is a clear one) because he has a right of decision, and he may hear something at the conference that changes his position. Questions for Barbara: if you hear group's conscience from another person at the mic, do you stay in line? Well, two schools of thought. Do, or don't, go ahead and get up to the mic, but either way, be ready NOT to and instead submit in writing (in advance—good idea to get up to mic if you haven't ever done that—it's a spiritual experience! What was your experience at an assembly? At that assembly, I was in charge of coffee, with hundreds of alcoholics there unhappy that we had no coffee due to power outage! And I was petrified to get up to the mic! I did it though. We practiced saying our group consciences before the

assembly. I had a service sponsor who pushed me to get up to the mic. It was a spiritual experience seeing everyone informing, invested in AA... hearing all the things my group didn't get to...and I changed my mind hearing other group's opinions about some topics. What's a service sponsor? May be different from your recovery sponsor...it is someone who helps me do my service job better, answers questions, aids understanding with concepts and traditions. How about PRAASA—what is it, who is going? DCMC can tell you details on PRAASA.

B. District Business [Business of the San Francisco District. Items here will either affect our local district or may be referred to the Area if items could affect A.A. as a whole.]

District Elections for Panel 65:

- Assembly Ride-Share Coordinator: we need one, to help email folks to connect them with rides. Email dmcscf.panel65@gmail.com if you are interested in being a ride coordinator.
- Officers/Liaisons: We need an Archives Coordinator who comes to this meeting monthly and report about what's going on—and Chelsea explained the position: SF archiving, 3rd Sun at 2p.m., Central Office in SF, come wade through old SF documents (donated by AAs when they died); monthly workshop in East Bay; and area meeting. We need this position filled as well as BTG Chair.
- Old Business: None
- New Business: None
- Discussion Topics: What do DCMs do? What is a sub-district? There are 5 DCMs, Gilbert, Lauren, Andy, Amber. Examples given of what a DCM can help a GSR with—how would it help SF, divided into sub-districts, but only 5 of the twenty odd sub-districts are covered. If a GSR wants to connect with a DCM, how do you find a DCM? Email Rhys at dmcscf.panel65@gmail.com and he will connect you. You can ask a DCM, or really anyone who has experience. Is there a phone list, I am confused, how would I phone someone. Email Rhys to get phone numbers.
- What's On Your Mind: can someone give a database committee update? It is in process, trying to figure out how to reconcile databases but ALSO to change the fundamental systemic problem of organizing the data, interfacing w/GSO database. Does everyone understand what is happening with Agenda Topics? We will gather group consciences where the topic says "Consider" (not "review a workbook" etc.). Is H and I a separate entity or under GSO? No, it is separate, runs parallel to GSO Corrections and Institutions.

C. Area Committee Meeting Business – [none]

Discussion Topics: [area discussion topics – none]

D. Assembly Business – none discussed

E. Closing

9:30 Close

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: If you are a new General Service Representatives (GSR), please submit a Group Information Change Form during the New GSR Orientation or visit the Registrar before, during, or after the District meeting. If you have any changes to your contact information or meeting information, or if you have not been receiving District or Area correspondence, please visit the Registrar or email registrar@sfgeneralservice.org.

Web committee chair: The Web committee needs support. No Web experience is necessary. Help to plan, organize, and proofread content for our Web site.