

District 06 (San Francisco) **MINUTES** for General Service Meeting **Tuesday, April 12, 2016**
St. Marks Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs), 1111 O'Farrell Street, SF, CA

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

A. Opening – Standing Items

- General Service Preamble – Dennis G., Tradition 4 (Long Form) – Luke H., and Concept 4 – Dan Z.
- Welcome of New GSRs: Elizabeth Z., GSR – *Sisters Circle*; Dan Z., GSR – *Gay Men's Stag*; Josh F., Alt-GSR – *Cow Hollow Young People*; Visitors: Phil B., CNCA 06 Alt-Delegate
- Recognition of Birthdays/Anniversaries since our last meeting: Blue – 29 years; Rhys – 15 years
- Approval of prior month's minutes → MOVE TO NEXT MONTH (packets not printed)
- Presentation of current month's Financial Reports: Lauren H. – March \$526 group contributions (10% more than usual); some contributions & sales from agenda topics workshop; income March 10% higher; year-to-date – 10% lower than usual; expenses: none from agenda topics workshop yet; expenses to send GSR to PRAASA - \$1000; \$1300 expenses in March; \$1000 into prudent reserve; 26 groups contributing in March
- Presentation of Concept 4: Neil F.
- VOLUNTEER for a 2-Minute Presentation on Concept 5 for March meeting – Riaz A.
- District Committee Members / Officers / Liaison Reports (please submit written report to secretary prior to the district meeting)
 - DCMC: Best pre-conference assembly I've been to; can still send group consciences to delegate by email (delegate.p65@cnca06.org) to Raymundo; post-conference assembly in Burlingame next month – ASL will be available; delegate's report will be translated for hearing-impaired; 14th May Machinist Hall 1511 Brawlin Rd., Burlingame; delegate will attend D6 meeting – will have potluck; Box 4-5-9: nice flyer has display @ GSO of int'l version of BB – 90 languages; currently 68 translations; archives workshop in our Area in Concord 9/8 – 9/11/16; coffee-maker is resigning – need volunteer (no one volunteered)
- Presentation from Visiting Area Officer, Phil B.: "What's up Next?" CNCA06 Alt-Delegate/PICPC Chair; Navajo language not a written language – Area 03 (AZ) – translating Navajo BB into audio; translators got "burnt out"; update: translation "basically completed" – just needs to be vetted; very few people speak Navajo – it's going to happen; had PRAASA, then pre-conference assembly, next have post-conference assembly; our area's delegate goes in person at assembly & about 23 more times to various districts for next several months; I was trusted to attend Spanish-speaking district to give delegate report – had to spend 20-30 hours preparing English version of report; pre-conference assembly was wonderful experience; took lots of notes for delegate; every group/district conscience was written down from shares at mike; Raymundo takes everything w/him to GSC; I keep track of how many people shared consciences – Raymundo takes these #'s w/him to GSC; last year – 175 people shared on mental health pamphlet; 400 came to mike; very few repeated consciences; most people very prepared – had written statements prepared; limited to 90 seconds this time; this year's inventory was a very smooth process; post-conference assembly: 3 items of old business; got more participation in business meeting; good things on safety pamphlet; delegate will give conference report; final conference report will come out in Sept.; delegate will bring spiritual experience & share w/area; Jeff Oden will do orientation at post-conference assembly; Span translation & ASL – will film ASL interpreter to make avail for hearing-impaired; Q: Don't we want to go up to mike to be counted even if we've heard our conscience already?//A: Drop written conscience into basket in that case. It will be counted that way.//Q: 1 year ASL interpretation didn't have audio; it's helpful to have audio to sit down w/hearing & hearing-impaired person to watch/listen together.//Q: When delegate says how many people spoke @ mike, it's [inaudible].//A: #'s at mike + #'s in basket are all counted.

- Member feedback on their Pre-Conference experiences: Difficult to be there – had to leave early; sponsor advised to stay whole time next time to get whole experience.//Pretty amazing: awestruck by how many people listening intently & respectfully; really taking in views, haven't experienced that much before.//My 1st time there – was cool to be involved; was GSR before but didn't participate at this level; powerful to be young person & participate; everyone was amped about topics; got interested in topics I wasn't interested in before.//Don't remember many details, but had conversations about learning new things; everyone was very supportive of each other even when different opinions; good to hear all sides in neutral way; inspiring.//My 1st time; spoke with my group about some topics but didn't bring consciences but wanted to see what goes on there; very informative, more interesting than I thought I would be; very impressed w/people going to mike many times – impressed w/how much time spent going over w/their groups & preparing to give statements.
- Presentation on Area motion regarding officer eligibility – Dennis H. – Motion to reconsider (from biz meeting): Passed at biz meeting, but minority gave presentation; motion to reconsider put forth & passed; will come up again at post-conference assembly; will explain what motion is: *“That CNCA 06 expand area officer eligibility to include Alternate District Committee Member Chairs and current members and chairs of area standing committees and sub-committees who have served as a DCM and/or DCMC”*; break it down:
 - Current situation: 8 area officers for 2 year terms every panel [listed the positions]; following people eligible to run for office: current area officers, DCMC's, DCM's; peoples who can vote are same people – also GSR's can vote; alt-GSR can vote only if regular GSR is not there; same w/alt-DCMC//Q: Area officers allowed to run except delegate; so they can run for delegate position?//A: Yes, except for positions they've previously held.//Q: It's for life – can only be assembly coordinator once in a lifetime?//A: Yes.//Q: You can only have 8 positions then you're termed out?//A: Yes – none of this is changing.
 - Proposal: Allow alt-DCMC's run; current members & chairs & members of area sub-committees to be allowed to run: archives, BTG, finance, PI/CPC, website; interpretation/translation; 1 additional qualification: also have in past have served as DCM or DCMC//Q: Please list the committees again?//A: [See above list.]///Q: Thank you for a great explanation. Previously thought it was about anyone who had ever served on sub-committee & been DCM/DCMC.//Q: Can you give some history about why it's limited?//A: I have a lot of info on this but won't provide this info right now.//Q: Don't understand any of this. Does it matter which district?//A: Doesn't matter – it's just for our area.//Dennis: This motion doesn't specify how it would be implemented – that's up to area officers on how to do that; basically what happens at area assembly election – for each position they'll read out all names of eligible people (last term 130 people); takes lot of time; voting takes a lot of time – do 3rd-Legacy Election; when we add these people (at least 23 people) – could have a lot of people – officers would have to decide how they would implement – still possible to read out all the names during election assembly? This will definitely affect how this will happen.//Q: If all names there & impossible to do same method – would area officers be trusted to change voting process?//A: They wouldn't change voting process but would change how people's names are read.//Q: Is it possible to turn the election assembly into more days?//A: Yes, that's possible.//Q: Still unclear why this motion? Is there an opinion that we're not getting enough qualified people making themselves available?//A: I'll give you some background: why motion presented – presenters said “idea is to widen path so no longer so limited”; why do we limit it? It's hard to get assembly done w/more names – it's been tradition.//Q: What do you recommend we do if we're GSR's; ponder ourselves only or bring to groups for input? Might now be enough time to get conscience from groups?//A: Each group is different; might be difficult to present to groups & have people understand issue; think about whether it's possible to get “informed” group conscience. Can't tell you what you should do as a GSR.//Q: If my group says for me to go back to area to decide on their behalf; has this issue been a

problem; don't understand what history is.//A: I was DCMC in D70 three panels ago; made myself available to be on finance committee; went to area assemblies but not eligible to make self available for area officer election; moved to SF recently got married; became DCM here in SF, then became DCMC – if I make myself available for area;.....; I'm qualified to make myself available.

- Presentation by Amber, DCM: Always dreaded business meetings at assembly; married to DCMC; really enjoyed this discussion tonight; we've been discussing a pamphlet on safety; this is something good to bring to groups; this can become an agenda topic someday; this comes from San Jose – feel we might need pamphlet on group safety; many people brought opinions about sex assault, people preying on wealthy members & elderly/disabled; motion is to create separate pamphlet; how does your group define "safety"?; if becomes agenda topic, there will be a call for stories; people from everywhere will get to contribute; every group gets to decide whether they want to provide input

9:15-9:30

E. Closing – Standing Items

- 7th Tradition
- What's On Your Mind? Was hoping someone would talk about the District 16 split proposal – Feb of last year has contents of that (CNCA 06 Comments).//What are people's experience with the term "group?"; what constitutes a "group?"; group of meetings I represent (Pax West) wanted to make changes to the script; the question came up about whether each meeting would get to decide on a format/script change just for their individual meeting or if the entire group of meetings would have to decide as one unit.//I suggest reading the pamphlet "The AA Group" – describes difference between "meeting" and "group" – "group" is a bigger picture of service, etc.; meeting can just be the time/place where people meet; when talking about autonomy, does it have to be either/or? See in particular pg. 14 or 15.//I'm not on email list – how do I get on it?//See Judy.//My group was just a "meeting" for a couple years, got things together, really became a "group"; does a lot of activities together; I was a treasurer for a group that was a conglomeration of several meetings.//For new GSR's – our registrar isn't here tonight, so please see Judy to provide your contact info.

9:30 Closed with Responsibility Statement