

District 06 (San Francisco) **MINUTES** for General Service Meeting **Tuesday, January 10th, 2017**
St. Mark's Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs), 1111 O'Farrell Street, SF, CA

7:00 – 7:30 New GSR Orientation (7 attended + Lauren H)

7:00 – 7:30 12 Concepts & Service Manual Study (5 attended + Allison W)

8:00 – 9:30 District Meeting (43? attended)

Opening of Meeting

- Serenity Prayer
- General Service Preamble: Dennis H [REDACTED], District Committee Member Chair (DCMC); Welcomes all to panel 67.
- Tradition 12 (read by Cody H [REDACTED]) & Concept 12 (read by Elliott F [REDACTED])
- Welcome new GSRs: Antonio C [REDACTED] – Living Sober Weds; Dawn B [REDACTED] – OADW; Rob L [REDACTED] – Any Lengths Sat 9:30am; Jessica T [REDACTED] – Lush Lounge; Cody H [REDACTED] – Design for Living Sat 8am; Charley D [REDACTED] – Embarcadero Group (AH). New/Visiting: Elliott F [REDACTED] – GGYPAA Liaison.
- Anniversaries: Luke H [REDACTED] – 5 years; David C [REDACTED] – 30 years; Emily R [REDACTED] – 16 years; Doug C [REDACTED] – 3 years; Peter B [REDACTED] – 2 years;
- Approval of prior month minutes: Gilbert G [REDACTED] motion to approve/ second by Justin H [REDACTED]/ no objections/ the minutes were approved

Presentations

- Concept of the month! Presentation of Concept 1: Caleb A [REDACTED]
 - Volunteer for 2 min presentation of Concept 2 for the February meeting: Justin H [REDACTED]
- Financial Report: Gilbert G [REDACTED] incoming Treasurer for panel 67, delivered first financial report; covered the figures from the spreadsheets provided; shared last panel came in on budget; thanked Lauren, outgoing Treasurer, for her service. There were no questions.

DCMC/Officers/Liaison reports:

- DCMC report: Dennis H [REDACTED] - welcome new panel; what are we doing here?; reflections on the role of service at the district level; general service is actually a lot more about the alcoholics who aren't in the rooms of AA yet; it's about carrying the message; general service ensures AA will be here tomorrow so future alcoholics will find the solution-fellowship-recovery when they come; GSRs in particular play an important role of keeping groups and members informed about the happenings of AA for today and tomorrow and how to have their voices heard through the group conscious; if you're new get to the registrar.
 - **two very important dates:**
 - Agenda Topic Workshop: Saturday March 18th 12:30pm-3:30pm
 - Pre-Conference Assembly: April 8th & 9th 2017; Alameda Fairgrounds
 - Q: When is the Post-Conf?// A: May 13th 2017
 - Chelsea W [REDACTED] – a helpful resource for important dates is the last page of the CNCA Comments (or Comentarios) which arrive in the postal mail each month.
- Liaison for intergroup: Luke H [REDACTED] attended the most recent intergroup meeting; 70th anniversary celebration is Saturday at the Gratitude Center from 1pm-9pm; intergroup is

experimenting with using smartphone apps as means of collecting funds for 7th tradition; exploring as option to increase collections amount as many people no longer carry much cash; also, intergroup investigating user experience interfacing with aasf.org; what are other anonymous sites (OA, alanon, etc.) doing well; possibly apply to areas our site falls short?

Open Service Positions

- **District 16 Liaison:** Gilbert G [REDACTED] previously held position; described role; link with our Spanish speaking general service members in our city; requires bilingual ability; attend once a month District 16 meeting (the Spanish speaking equivalent to our 2nd Tues D06 meeting); very important for keeping Unity as a broader fellowship and to offer support for each other; we will continue to ask at our monthly meeting for volunteers for this position; we have invited Dist 16 to participate in Unity Day and Raymundo L. (CNCA 06 Panel 65 Outgoing Delegate 65) will be at the Agenda Topics Workshop! These are wonderful opportunities for connection and fellowship.
- **District Committee Members (DCMs; 23 sub districts):** Dennis H [REDACTED] – DCM is the position that reps these subdistricts; Best way to learn about DCM would be to attend the DCM sharing session in Petaluma; Although we have 23 subdistricts, having between 5-10 DCMs is more appropriate for our numbers - considering our GSR:DCM ratio.

Visiting Area Officer: Joann L. Panel 67 Incoming Delegate

Discuss the roles of the Area Delegate as well as the roles of the GSR; The never ending conference; Overview of the tasks of these service positions as broken down over the year month by month;

Jan – Trustees decide final Agenda Topics for Conference; GSRs talk with group and set date (in March) for Agenda Topic sharing session; good time to plan for PRAASA

Feb – Delegates receive agenda topics (Feb 15th) and the area officers divide the topics to summarize; Goldie Locks division of summaries; takes one week; then will be translated; arrives to DCMC who passes on to GSRs no later than the end of month; Attend district's workshop on agenda topics; Attend PRASSA – general service on steroids; ask it basket is fun; Qs to stump the delegate especially. Make sure you're receiving CNCA Comments (or Comentarios) by now; if not, see the registrar.

March – PRASSA event; facilitate group's sharing session to collect group conscience; plan ahead for Pre-Conference Assembly.

April – Pre-Conference Assembly event; bring your group's consciences; take notes and report back to group; What to report back: How did you feel with you took your groups conscious at the mic? What were you hearing from the GSRs from other districts? Delegate attends the Conference in NY; leaving April 19th and returning April 30th;

May – Delegate does her report at each district (can go as long as October); the first report we can hear at the Post-Conference Assembly; GSRs are meant to report back to their group the outcomes of the agenda topics discussed at the General Service Conference; Another important aspect of assemblies is to attend the Area Business meetings and vote on Area business; Report of sub-committees to groups.

June and July – Plan ahead to attend Summer Assembly; what kind of workshop topics are you and your group's interest in; collect your group's consciences on area motions.

Aug – Summer Assembly event; there will be workshops and ask your DCMs how to prepare for the business sections of the assembly; The General Service Conf Reports ought to be out by now.

Sept – During the second year of the panel, the Pacific Regional Forum Event (hosted by GSO and held in San Jose this year from Sept 7th-9th 2018) takes place; general service office comes out to us; meet and grate; they are here to tell us what they're doing out there in NY; we are just the hospitality; also during the second year of the panel the Area Officers will start giving position descriptions as the panel will be turning over at the end of two years;

Oct – First year in panel it is typical to take inventory of the district; time to pass on any ideas or Qs you want addressed at the Fall Assembly Area Inventory; Pass on any district groups conscious to the area.

Nov – First year of panel Fall Assembly will be devoted entirely to Inventory; Second year of panel the assembly will be for Elections of Officers for next panel.

Dec – Tends to differ from district to district.

Presentations cont... Officers/Liaison reports:

- *Liaison from Central Office and Gratitude Center:* Jackie B
 - 70th Anniversary Celebration San Francisco/Marin Central Office hosted by Intergroup
 - Held at Gratitude Center, Sat Jan 21st from 1pm-9pm; Details at www.aasf.org
 - A new play - ***I am Responsible***; History of 3rd Legacy; stories from first conference; the first Af-Am delegate to general service conference; this is a play for folks who are not really informed RE general service; this play demonstrates why general service and the 3rd Legacy are so vital to our future; brings to life the service manual; makes this material accessible in a new way - especially for those who might not take in what GSRs are talking about in their groups;
 - Requesting that the GSRs announce to their groups about the play
 - Feb 2nd-4th & 9th-11th, 2017; Thursdays & Fridays show at 8pm;
Saturday shows at 2pm & 8pm with an AA meeting at 6pm;
 - At The EXIT THEATER 156 Eddy St, San Francisco
 - Tickets \$20 Advance or \$25 at the door & - Proceeds help support Central Office
 - Buy Advance at: www.iamresponsible.brownpapertickets.com; or email play@aasf.org
- *District Events Co-Chairs Report:* Elena and Nereida; Agenda Topic Workshop; 18th of March from 12:30pm-3:30pm; 1101 O'Farrell St at The Urban Life Center; designed for GSRs; everyone is allowed and welcome to attend; Raymundo L. is going to be a speaker; three other speakers will be breaking down some of the agenda topics so GSRs can get more of a feel for what's going on; presentation on how to take a group conscious; GOOD FOOD; any Qs let event planners know; recruit a few volunteers next month; there will be spanish translation!!!

Housekeeping motions:

GGYPAA request for endorsement letter; E [REDACTED] presents request; GGYPAA is bidding for All California YP (ACAYPAA) Conference to be held in San Francisco in 2018. Q What kind of support?

Does the District need to provide financial support? A: No, just the letter. Q: Have other districts provided letters? A: Intergroup bc GGYP is just for Marin and SF.

*****7th Tradition baskets passed*****

Presentation of new business:

- *Move GSR meeting times from 8:00 to 7:30. GSR Orientation to 6:30, & Concept study to 6:30*
 - Presented by Lauren H; we are the only district that begins this late; no Qs on the intent of the motion.

New Business:

- Resolution on PRAASA *Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly (PRAASA) **March 3rd to 5th 2017**
 - Dennis H presents; carried over from previous month/panel; usually DCMC does not put forth such items; **PROPOSAL:** In 2017, we would: 1) Fund two rooms one for men and one for women, for two nights (total cost \$440 to \$500); 2) Provide Scholarships of \$100 for 4 GSRs. (2 men and 2 women) (\$400); 3) The GSRs to be chosen via the hat; 4) The GSRs chosen to receive the scholarships will make arrangements for the two hotel rooms; 5) Scholarships will be paid after the event, the treasurer will however have discretion to pay the participant before the event, if not doing so would result in a financial hardship; 6) Proof of attendance of conference can be one of following items. Receipts from meals or PRAASA registration. PRAASA badge can also be used to prove attendance; 7) Recipients of scholarships will make brief report at a district meeting.
- Discussion: //Q: what are we changing?// A: the standing district budget covers the full cost for the DCMC and one GSR; this resolution only pertains to the GSR funding for 2017 PRAASA // Q: where does the \$ come from?// A: each panel delegates funds to send DCMC & GSR to this event and even sending 4 GSRs versus just 1 will still probably come in under budget; so the money is coming from the funds we have already set aside for this event
- Vote: simple majority vote was held to determine if the motion would require a simple or 2/3 majority to pass; group voted for simple majority vote; motion passed with 27 votes yea/ zero votes nay; names were pulled from a hat; Randi W [REDACTED] & Neredia G [REDACTED] for the women; Doug C [REDACTED] & Cody H [REDACTED] for the men.

What's on your mind?

David C [REDACTED] - Sunshine Club Workshop; Sat Jan 14th at 2pm at central office; all are welcome; we only have 2 (or 4?) workshops a year; be of service taking meetings to AAs who are homebound due to ability and accessibility issues, illness treatment, mothers of infants, etc.; all you commit to is joining an email list; emails notify recipients of where and when a meeting has been requested and you only go if you can; Q: when are the dates for other workshops? A: we don't know yet.

Closing:

• Sample GSR report; Lauren; "I'm the GSR for the meeting. Super happy to be of service in this way. Soon I'll be attending the Agenda topics workshop to get informed and bring back the info to share with you. Also, there's now an accessibility committee taking place monthly just before the area committee meeting in Petaluma. There is a celebration for 70th anniversary of SF/Marin Central office on Sat 21st at the Gratitude Center from 1pm-9pm. There's a really exciting new AA play coming out

the first two weekends in Feb at The Exit Theater. Go to aasf.org's event page for the specifics. DCM positions available at the district level - see me after for more details. At the District meeting our new delegate gave a presentation on the process of general service over the course of the two year panel. And we voted to fund 4 GSRs to attend PRASSA. Some new biz was presented: a motion on the table for making the district meeting a little earlier."

- **Close 9:24pm**