

District 06 (San Francisco) **MINUTES** for General Service Meeting **Tuesday, February 14th, 2017**
St. Mark's Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs), 1111 O'Farrell Street, SF, CA

7:00 – 7:30 New GSR Orientation (9 attended + Lauren H)

7:00 – 7:30 *12 Concepts & Service Manual Study*

8:00 – 9:30 District Meeting

Opening of Meeting

- Serenity Prayer
- Dennis H., District Committee Member Chair (DCMC): General Service Preamble; Draw your attention to the print-outs at front of room; many of which should be received via email from Caleb; Did everyone receive the email from Caleb? To make sure you're on the list, you can email the Email List Coordinator; if you're not getting the emails please let us know.
- Tradition 12 (read by Broc) & Concept 12 (read by Mario)
- Welcome new GSRs: Marc S. & Eric S.- Sometimes Slowly; Michael C. - No Reservations; Dorian B., K. - Federal Speaker; Beth S. - What it's Like Now; Kenny S. - Early Start; Owen M. - Be Still AA; Mario Z. - Goodlands 2pm Sundays; Steve F. - Came to Believe; Jennifer D. - Friendly Circle; Brady D. - Embarcadero Group; Allison D. - NYX; James B. - Each Day a New Beginning;
- Visiting: Lauren W. - Area Registrar; Richard W. - Area Archives; Jeff O. - District Sneak In
- Anniversaries: Marc S.- 4 yrs ; Cody H. 3 yrs; Elena R. - 5 yrs; Michelle McA. 5 yrs; Jill F. 8 yrs; Leo A.3 yrs; Sarah H. 10 yrs; Chelsea W. 9 yrs
- Approval of prior month minutes: Nereida motion to approve/ second by Justin H/ no objections/ the minutes were approved

Presentations

- Financial Report: Financial report – Gilbert out of town, Lauren filling in; last month was light expenses; overall 55 groups contributed; has yours? There were no questions.// Dennis – you can look at this list and see if your group has participated; Also, January is an odd month financially – still too early to be able to know much about financial standing; stay tuned.
- Concept of the month! Presentation of Concept 2: Justin H.; Alt GSR Waterfront; Sundays 8pm; 3601 Lyon st, palace of fine arts
 - Volunteer for 2 min presentation of Concept 3 for March meeting: Sarah H.

DCMC/Officers/Liaison reports:

- DCMC report: Dennis H. - There is a lot going on in General Service right now; a few things I want to draw to your attention: Flyers up here for Agenda Topics Workshop (we'll talk more about it in a minute); Accessibilities Sharing Session - this is just in the beginning stages, so it's a great time to join; Pre-Conference Assembly April 8th&9th; Dinner & Speaker night before see pink flyer; GSRs are expected to attend the assemblies; Other Dates to have in your calendar: PRAASA 3rd-5th; March 18th Agenda Topics Workshop - attending is really crucial because it will show you how to do a lot of what a GSR does; like how do you take group conscience?; Also, our past delegate Raymundo will be presenting// Q: what's a delegate? // A: to get a thorough answer, please attend the New GSR Orientation next month before this meeting; Back to dates - there's a lot coming up over the next month; It's a busy time in AA; by the end of the month, you should all have the agenda topics; you'll

want to be talking to your groups about it; you won't be able to take a group conscience until the Agenda Topics are out, but you can talk to your groups about scheduling a time to take the group's conscience; We will also be taking a group conscience at the Agenda Topics Workshop so you'll see how we do it; it will be on a topic that we will decide once I read over the summaries; you will want to choose some topics to take to your group; then once you collect the group's conscience bring it with you to the Pre-Conf Assembly// Q: do we go both days? // A: yes. Pre-Conf Assembly is a day and a half.

○ **two very important dates:**

■ Agenda Topic Workshop; Saturday March 18th 12:30pm-3:30pm

■ Pre-Conference Assembly; April 8th & 9th 2017; Alameda Fairgrounds

Any Q's? //Q: do we have access to information about the Pre-Conf Assembly// A: yes, flyer up here; our website - CNCA.org; probably in emails and minutes// Q: are people talking about being able to carpool to the Pre-Conf Assembly// A: that's a good q and yes, we will have ways for people to coordinate at next month's meeting

○ Chelsea W. (recording secretary) – please make sure new GSRs have provided information to me; sign-up sheet.

- Liaison for intergroup: Luke H. – discussing possibility of intergroup having a facebook page; greater flow of communication; improve communication; not caught up in email; also a secret invite only FB page; continue testing digital payments; going well; seeing more and more in the groups.// Q s – when you say digital payments, what do you mean? // A: 7th tradition.
- Liaison for PICPC: Justin H – what is PI/CPC; well, it's thinking about the still active alcoholic; goal is to carry message to alcoholics who still haven't heard of AA; high need for folks to go into schools; also, professional community gatherings of Drs (medical); and we also need folks to talk to people who work in corrections; san bruno jail; how to do it?; orientation; and the website is aasf.org/PICPCservice
- Liaison for GGYPAA: Justin filling in – Marin and SF events; young people wondering what is life after?; recently had a great dance; all CA young people conference will be in San Ramon; registration is \$15-20 at ACYPAA.com; Dances, parties, yoga and let me know if you want info.
- Liaison for Bridging the Gap: Leo A. - Re-forming Bridging the Gap (coordinator – Leo A.); so what is Bridging the Gap?; supposed to explain what AA does; what AA does not; primary purpose of Bridging the Gap is to help point folks just getting out of a treatment center or corrections - help them get a foot in AA
 - Any Qs ?– // Q: if people want to get involved from my group – what can I tell my group members about what to expect? // A: I'll let you know! // Q: what would be involved? A: it will be a phone call or being on a phone list and going if you can - from what it sounds like.

Open Service Positions

- District 16 Liaison: - District 16 liaison opening. Bi-lingual Mario has volunteered// great time to have this position filled because we will be inviting District 16 to the Agenda Topics Workshop
- Special Issue to Address: Last month we voted to send 4 GSRs to PRAASA; two men and two women, but it turns out one of the women is no longer able to attend; we need a new volunteer (woman) to take her place; Dates are March 3rd – 5th; first weekend in March; 3 day assembly and a great chance to get deep into general service; any volunteers?// Elizabeth will be going to PRAASA with Neredia

Visiting Area Officer: Laura W.: Area Registrar

// Q what's a registrar? // A: at the Area (CNCA) there are 8 officers and the Area Registrar is one of them; so when you give your info to your District Registrar (Neil), that comes to me at the area and I enter you in our system; then pass it on to the General Service Office in NY.; // So - it's the beginning of the panel and I thought it would be helpful to talk about "What is general service?"; When I was first introduced to GS, I thought that GS was just for people want to argue; but that's actually not what it's about at all - I mean sure some people argue, but we actually do this to make sure that AA is here in the future; I want AA to be there for future alcoholics the way it was there for me when I hit bottom and had nowhere to go; I bet everyone in this room got sober after 1951; General Service became official then, and before that, alcoholics were basically just lucky if they stumbled across someone who knew to suggest AA; there were no systems in place to facilitate informing folks about AA; but by the time I was ready, my doctor knew to tell me to go to AA; what we're doing here actually helps. A DCM came to my home group and made a plug; I was looking to be of service; and I figured once a month meeting for two years wasn't too much; then I realized we have 4 Assemblies each year; I didn't realize that until year two though; but I got an alt GSR to help out; we would go to assemblies together; then we got married... I got more involved with the area committee meeting in petaluma; conference reports are a great resource; pacific regional forum is incredible; go to PRAASA – engaged me in a different way – then I was able to go be the person asking people to get involved; do you have a service manual? - it's the same as the 12 Concepts book; things I wish people had told me - monthly newsletter called CNCA COMMENTS; 'comments' is actually the name of it - I didn't get that at first; CNCA website is so helpful; AA Group pamphlet- has inventory Qs so you can walk your group through an inventory of itself, which is different than a group conscience; oh - learning about sharing sessions; guidelines for sharing sessions; learning that an end vote is not actually the point; not just a vote; it's a process;

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 so invite your groups!!!; 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 conscience; GOOD FOOD; any Qs let event planners knows; recruit a few volunteers next month; there will be spanish translation!!!

Housekeeping motions: none

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

Presentation of new business: none

New Business:

- Do we have new business up for discussion? Oh yes – we do; The motion is – move the District meeting start time; are there any group conscience? // Q: what does that mean?// A: group conscience is when we bring the feedback from our group; when we share the opinions voiced at the meeting we serve.

// *Hecka long silence*// I thought we had food at this meeting; would be nice; the issue is this meeting going on this long; I do believe it would be less stressful if it were moved earlier; better for everyone.// I represent sin-bar; I'm also your coffeemaker; we haven't really taken a group conscience on serving food at the meeting but I'm pretty sure we can't // Dennis: yeah, our landlords wouldn't like that and won't let us // I want to move the meeting time earlier because I have to get up really early the next morning // I don't live in the city; but I am

willing to scramble to get here earlier //why only move it up half hour?// are we suggesting to move it an hour?// Point of order – can't change motion/ resolution//

Area Business:

- Dennis: Before we wrap up, I wanted to inform you all about the Area Business; we will be discussing at least two things at the Area Business meeting; it happens right before the pre-conf assembly; Brought up at the assembly – develop a pamphlet on group safety? And there is an agenda topic along this line too now; Require that business at the area require 2/3rds vote to pass; Also there is a Proposal by a district to add wording to pamphlets – restate the position that AA takes on medication; I point this out to you so that you know what's happening business wise; // Q: Question about Safety – Safety from what?// A: Disruption in meeting; maybe having to call the police; someone being stalked; physical safety; both individual and group safety; // Q: so this is old business that could be voted on? Did you say there was new business// A: Sorry i misspoke// Q: At what point do we start collecting group conscience // A: once you receive the list of agenda topics and summaries// Q: What are AGENDA TOPICS? // A: well - basically business discussed at the general service conference; well, a lot more; Doesn't make a lot of sense until you go to an assembly; Please come to Agenda Topics Workshop March 18th. // Q: what are the topics being discussed at the accessibility committee? And is there anyone going to the area meeting - I'd like to go - is it going to be about wheelchairs or language...? // Laura - A: so we're going to talking about what we to do; just getting off the ground; so we will be discussing exactly that - what do we want the accessibilities to encompass?

What's on your mind?

Q: What is "What's on your mind?"// A: Questions; what you want to see happen; Not understanding something; that kind of stuff. // Neredia G weds kookoo hump day GSR & Events co-chair; I want to make a pitch for the Agenda Topics Workshop; so what's the workshop?; there will be a potluck; how do you take a group conscious from them?; what the delegate needs to know; // Q: I'm a new GSR; is there enough time to get a group conscious between the workshop and the pre-conf assembly? // Elena – events Co-Chair: A: topics come out at end of Feb and we don't really get the summaries until March; but as soon as you get the topics you can send them to your group, or pick out a few to tell them during the meeting and schedule a time outside of the meeting time - longer than a business meeting; it's really more of a round robin discussion; // three weeks between our agenda topics workshop and the pre-conf assembly// Welcome to new GSRs; I was so overwhelmed when I was new; got a service sponsor and that was really helpful // Q – so what is a service sponsor – is it the same as an AA sponsor?// A: No - a service sponsor is not the same as an AA sponsor. A service sponsor is someone you can call and ask them questions about how to be a GSR and what is an assembly or agenda topics - it's basically someone who can explain the whole General Service thing to you; you don't work the steps or anything like that; it's not so intense; just really helpful. // Q: can someone share what it's like at the pre-conf assembly// A: My experience of the assembly, the pre-conf assembly is that it was a hassle to get there; once I was there I was really glad I made it; there was a translator and I could see how involved all these Latino cats were and it was really inspiring; like I think getting there is a hassle, but they are there and dealing with translator radios; I decided to listen to the Spanish being translated into English; fascinating to hear what was going on for the spanish speaking folks; AA is so amazing like that bringing us all together //

Closing:

- Sample GSR report; Lauren; "I'm the GSR for the meeting. Super happy to be of service in this way. Tons of Events. Agenda Topics Workshop! Everyone is invited! I'll be there March 18th at 12:30pm at the Urban Life Center. Then I'll collect our group's Conscience and bring it to the Pre conf assembly in the beginning of April. Then, at the Post conf assembly, I'll hear what happened with your group conscience and let you all know. Finally our Area will be starting an Accessibility Committee - get in on the ground floor! Really soon is PRAASA in Sacramento: March 3rd thru 5th; Intergroup is discussing the possibility of a FB page. PICPC needs folks to go into high schools. Young people in AA has a shit ton of events. Bridging the Gap is being rekindled. And our visiting area officer shared that if you become a GSR you get married!"

- **Close 9:27pm**