

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

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7:00 – 7:30 New GSR Orientation. Jeff O leads tonight. 8 new GSRs attended.

7:00 – 7:30 12 Concepts & Service Manual Study. Sarah H covers for Alison W. 6 in attendance.

**District Meeting** 8:00pm – 9:30pm

- Opening of District 06 Meeting with Serenity Prayer at 8pm
- General Service Preamble read by DCMC Dennis H
- Tradition 3 (read by James) & Concept 3 (read by Ray)
- *New GSRs*: Hemanth S. – GSR for Say Hey; Chris J. - GSR for Cow Hollow Men's; Denise L. - GSR for POCLGBTQIIA; Raymond L. - Mission Smoke Free 6pm Friday 2900; Beth S. - GSR for What It's Like Now; James O'C. - GSR for Reality Farm; James - Each Day A New Beginning; Jackie B. - GSR for As Bill Sees It at Gratitude Center; Lindsey C. - Alt GSR for 10 Years After; • *New DCMs*: – Chelsea W. sub-district 255; Neil F. for sub-district 370 • Visitors: Chris H. Area Treasurer • Birthdays Brad – 10 years

**Presentations & Reports**

- *Financial Report* – well within budget and not needing to dip into prudent reserve; pretty standard; except for a bill we paid for insurance for our meeting space; rent for agenda topics location; monies for unity day will be paid and reflected in the next month's treasurer's report
- Presentation of Concept 3 (Sarah H.)
  - Volunteer for 2 minute presentation of Concept 4 for April meeting (Hemanth)
- *DCMC Report*: We're sending around sign-up lists for Ride Sharing for Assembly; there's one list for those who can give rides and another list for those who need rides; Sadly have to report that Alt DCMC Lauren H, had to resign due; Jeff O was able to do new GSR orientation; Chelsea will do it next month; New GSR orientation is one of the service tasks the Alt DCMC does; next month we will have a third legacy election for this position; I want to give everyone a chance to think about it; ask yourself if you can make yourself available for this position; this is the busiest time for GSRs; getting group consciences; planning for agenda topics discussions with your group - or however they want to give you their ideas; the workshop will have presentations; will cover a few topics; we will gather a group conscious on topic Grape Vine Facebook page; Pre-Conference Assembly will be April 8 and 9; two days – well, one full day and a half day the second day; now I am going to pass around some sign up sheets for rides – if you need a ride; don't want an email – don't put your name on the list; You can see up here that we have agenda topics printouts; don't rush up; Area business meeting will be happening during the morning part of the first day; we sent out items being discussed at the area business meeting - you got them in an email from Caleb; Any Qs // Q: What was in the email caleb sent out? //A: the items being discussed at the Area Biz Mtg// Q: Are these only the summaries or the whole background information for the agenda topics// A; these printouts include summaries of the background information for every agenda topic; the totality of background information has to be sent per topic via email because the information is vast and the files are very large // Q: so if you can't make the workshop, should I take one of those and read it? // A: yes // Q: How do I know what is my group interested in?// A: you probably have a feel for it; you can let them know maybe the top 10 you think they're interested in and then see which ones interest them the most and come up with a short list // Q: all members of my group wanted the long form of the topic summaries, is that usual// A not really; different groups are all going to do it differently// Comment: just want to say that we really need to be on top of this// Response: if you never done a GC then come to the workshop first; and plan your group's discussion for after you attend the workshop //Q is that just a print copy of the email we have

already received// A: yes – we know that maybe not everyone is receiving the emails so we have these printouts and we will have more at the agenda topics workshop//

- *Officers/Liaison reports.*

- *Recording Secretary* – Chelsea: if you're new, Please make sure you have signed up on this List
- *Area Registrar* – Neil: First time we've taken attendance in three years so let's see how this goes; this information we are passing around for you to check your information and your group's information is actually what they have at the Area Level; so it might not be what we have here at the District; we're also not sure how they have things listed; maybe by group alphabetically

- *Mailing Coordinator* – Caleb: I serve as email list coordinator; if you are not registered on the district list, then you won't get emails; please make sure you are registered with Neil in the proper role; if you don't get the email then you can look on the district's website each month // Q: what would i type in so I could search it?//A: i don't have the district website //

- GGYPA - Mac E: yacht black tie party co-hosted with others; GGYPAA yoga dominican U; ACYPA San Ramon weekend of April 1st;

- *PI/CPC* - Justin H: PI/CPC stands for Public Information and Cooperation with the Professional Community; It is a subcommittee of Central Office and is budgeted as part of Intergroup; The committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7pm at Central Office located at 1821 Sacramento Street; works to carry the message to the still suffering alcoholic in two ways - 1. By informing the general public about the A.A. program; and 2. By informing "the third person" whose work is or may be involved with the active alcoholic; first step to get involved is to attend an orientation; There is one each month at 6pm before the regular committee meeting; You can also schedule an orientation be brought to your meeting/group by contacting Central Office or emailing [picpc@aasf.org](mailto:picpc@aasf.org) ; After attending orientation, potential speakers must "shadow" current speakers once, and then they can register online at <https://www.aasf.org/picpcservice.cfm> ; need to fill spots on the committee and is also need speakers to take the message into DUI classes, schools, and professional settings; committee discussed potential reaching out to A.A. groups at large to see if each group wanted to send one person to be involved with PI/CPC and make announcements to spread the message of the committee and how interested people can get involved; I see people in the room who are on the committee Jeff O; peter; mack; any Qs/ no Qs

- *Intergroup* - Luke H: serve as the connection between general service and intergroup; wasn't at the meeting but i did get the lowdown; discussion about groups being charged insurance; venmo is doing very well as what groups are using successfully to pay 7th tradition electronically for the pilot programs; both individuals on the ACCESS committee had to step down so if there's anyone looking to help they are really in need of service now; any Qs/ none

- *H&I* – Brad: have a business meeting every other month; we need positions filled; orientation meeting is this sat 11am at 2900 24th street

- *Events Co-chair* – Neredia: the agenda topics workshop is almost here!!!; it's coming only 4 days away; going to be right over there - located across the courtyard; we need help; we need people to get there to set up and break down; so please talk to me after the meeting; amazing thing this workshop; //Q what is the paper in your hand // there is an updated flyer with the play by play for the agenda topics workshop on the front table //

- *DCMC* – Dennis: PRAASA reports – just a couple of things; only 2 GSRs were able to go; we are going to talk about it next month; neither of the people could make it to the meeting tonight; Again i wanted to mention we will need to elect a new Alt DCMC; requirements – new GSR orientation, recap meeting summary; stay up to date RE Events Committee; there is a monthly District Officers meeting the last Tues of the month that is 45mins; need to be able to attend the assemblies; and if DCMC cannot make the area meeting then go in their place; which is the last Sat of the month in Petaluma; and if i am absent at the district level you will run the district meeting

• Visiting area officer - Area Treasure (Chris H) I come to you from san rafael; each month I drive to a district; last month it was about an hour each way; tonight it was short; raise hand if you are a GSR; raise your hand if you've been a GSR more than two years; have you read the service manual?; it's really hard to be a GSR without being familiar with what is in the service manual; as a GSR you have a lot of work to do; run business meetings lots of chores; dennis wanted me to talk about Area Business but I probably won't do that; as GSRs you have a vote here; you have the right of decision to vote at the district on your group's voice; you have a vote through your DCM at the Area business; as a virgo – i can share my experience with you; no one is ever going to be perfect; i am not here to win friends; i go to sleep just fine at night because i know i really did the best job I can; this is the kind place where we have to have fun; GS can be so heavy and dense so it's important to have fun while we do it; no matter what kind of trusted servant you are is totally fine; I never tell anyone anything about myself so I really like general service and all the information we get here because i can usually be my best when i'm not focusing on myself and I can use the ideas and experience in GS to be of service; I'm my best when i'm focusing on service; so - about Area Business - we have four items of business at the Area Level – in a perfect world you would be up to date on the history of the items and inform your groups and then come to the Area Biz meeting and offer discussion and vote if a vote comes up; but what will probably happen is that you'll show up and do your best and then report back to your group even though they probably won't want to hear about it// and I'll close with asking those who can be service sponsors please raise your hands -

\*\*\*\*\*\$\$\$\$ 7<sup>th</sup> tradition\*\*\*\*\*

Dennis - Q has everyone who needs a ride gotten these? ; This is not a break; We have a vote tonight perhaps; are we going to move the time of the start of this meeting?;

Discussion// i would prefer to keep it at 8pm because i like to go to my group's pizza feed which happens during the beginning of this meeting// i have moved to Alameda but i'm keeping my GSR commitment in this district and I would really benefit from the start time of the meeting being moved earlier// i am your coffee maker and it is hard for me to get here on time to have the coffee ready by the time the meeting begins at it's current start time - if it were earlier, it would be even harder// i live a block away and i think it would be wrong of me to not help with coffee - so if we move the meeting earlier, I am willing to come help with coffee set up// i get up at 6am so i really want this meeting to start earlier// i get up at 5:30am so starting earlier works for me// i'd like to hear from the people who get here before the meeting starts - the people who get here and set up the meeting; would it be hard on them to move the meeting to an earlier time?// I have to wake up at 5// i am the literature person for this meeting; i come from san carlos and the Wayz App says the travel time is better if I leave earlier so I think I want it earlier if it works for everyone// my alarm goes off at 5:30am, and as a gsr i would be more of use to my group if I got more sleep; i drink hella coffee but i can't take any after a super late time because i won't wake up; i would be better with my brain if the meeting was earlier//

DCMC - Are we ready to vote on this issue?; asks group to raise hands if ready; overwhelming majority is ready to vote; Is this an issue that need a two thirds vote or simple majority? Usually simple majority votes are used in procedural or housekeeping matters; and 2/3rds majority votes are applied when taking a vote on an issue that sets a precedent, can impact other groups or AA as a whole; can i see a show of hands for simple majority: 24 in favor of voting by simple majority// 11 in favor of voting by two thirds// 3 abstentions // the vote will be by simple majority.

States the motion "That the District 06 General Service meeting start time changes from 8:00pm to 7:30pm. That the New GSR Orientation moves to 6:30pm, and the Concept study moves to 6:30pm"

VOTE: All in favor of the motion 35// All opposed 4// Abstentions 3// vote passes/ anyone who voted against wants to give a minority opinion/ no minority opinion/ motion passes.

**What's on your mind?** what's going on in your group; problems you're having...

//I was at the Marin district meeting a month ago and they did this really cool thing where they handed out birthday plan envelopes for GSRs to take back to their meetings; it's a really good way for people to show their gratitude for AA; the birthday plan is an aa tradition where you send a dollar for every year you've been sober on your anniversary// I was at group break out at PRAASA and one guy in the session was from Reno and people were asking about agenda topics summaries, and the guy from Reno said "You know who has really good summaries? CNCA" and i was really honored to be from this area// So I wanted to put this out there; the group I GSR for seems like they are lackluster; there was point in time where there were lots of announcements and lots of involvement - how do I get my group more involved again?; Now, they have cut out their announcements all together; we don't have grapevine rep we don't have an H&I rep; for our business meetings it's only two people; and it's a meeting where there are a lot of people with a lot of time, but it feels like it's falling apart; What do I do?// I want to mention the subdistrict I'm a new DCM for; subdistrict 370 is basically the whole fellowship and all the meetings from 2900 24th st; in general it seems to be lacking attendance, which is not good for AA because a lot of those meetings get a lot of newcomers; anything that you can do to help keep those meetings getting some attendance is much needed // i want to apologize to you guys because i did get chosen to go to PRAASA and i wasn't able to to go because I didn't get my work schedule worked out in time and I just needed to stand up here and hold myself accountable // i rep pocket aces at 2900 we just did a group inventory and it really seemed to revive the group's spirit and it seems healthier and more interested in general now // Q what's a group inventory? // A - some people say it's like a 4th step for the group; but it seems to take the pulse of the meeting - like how well is the meeting meeting our primary purpose; there are a list of questions we discussed; someone, a neutral party - usually a volunteer from GS, came and facilitated; the pamphlet where the Qs can be found is "the AA group"

Summary of District Meeting/ Sample Report for GSRs to take back to their meetings: Sample GSR report from Justin H - "I serve as GSR; we had our regular GS district meeting; we talked about the upcoming Agenda Topics Workshop - there will be food - and you may be asking "what are agenda topics?" well, the trustees at the GS office in NY have a consolidated list of topics collected from groups all around North America; they need to hear what we think about them; so we discuss them and you tell us what you think; then I take your voice to the Pre-Conf Assembly, which will go with our Delegate to NY GS Conference; which makes AA run; Also happening this Saturday is a GGYPAA black tie affair; the GGYPAA is hosting yoga on Sunday; tons of sober spiritual crazy events; PI/CPC is looking for folks to be of service; same with the Access Committee; the H&I orientation is this Sat at 2900; and speaking of 2900, the meetings there get lots of newcomers so go get a sponsee!"

- Close at 9:27pm with Responsibility Statement