

District 06 (San Francisco) **Minutes** for General Service Meeting **Tuesday, April 11, 2017**
St. Marks Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs), 1111 O'Farrell Street, SF, CA

6:30 – 7:00 New GSR Orientation. Led by Chelsea W. One new GSR. Two visitors from Dist 07.

6:30 – 7:00 12 Concepts & Service Manual Study. Alison W leads. 8 in attendance.

Opening of Meeting

- Open at 7:30pm with Serenity Prayer
- DCMC Asks for volunteer to do summary at end of meeting- Justin H volunteers
- General Service Preamble – read by Dennis H. (*District Committee Member Chair - DCMC*)
- Tradition 4 (read by Claire- GSR High Noon); Concept 4 (read by Aaron S - GSR, The Late Show Oakland)
- **Welcome new GSRs:** *none introduced themselves*; **Anniversaries:** Antonio C.- GSR living sober weds – 5 years; **Visitors:** Brendan McW. - DCMC District 07 Alameda North; Aaron S. - GSR, The Late Show, Oakland; Jenny M. - DCM District 07 Alameda North, Subdistrict 3 - Downtown Oakland; Miguel H. - Area Literature/Grapevine/La Vina
- Approval of prior month minutes; no changes; accepted as written

Presentations & Reports

- Financial Report – Gilbert G., District Treasurer - we're currently half dipped into prudent reserve; I will be looking at the records from previous years to determine if this is typical; more to be reported at our next meeting; please let me know if you have any questions about your group's contributions; the list was emailed along with the financial report.
- Presentation of Concept 4 - Pop GSR Federal Speaker; (who stepped up and volunteered to be of service on the spot!) - Volunteer for 2 minute presentation of Concept 5 for May meeting - *Ray L.*
- DCMC Report. Dennis H. - fliers for post-conference are up here and on the tables; it will be held in Lakeport County; it is a one day assembly on Saturday May 13th; forms for dinner the Friday night before are also up here; it's a great presentation; there will be a business meeting on the morning of the 13th also; we will talk about the area business items later on in the meeting tonight; it's a great thing to do and part of your responsibility as a GSR - to attend these Assemblies; sign up for car pooling on the sheet being passed around; I don't know how well it worked last time; but there were a lot of people who turned out from our district at the pre-conf assembly which is really great; the area officers I spoke with said they found our district to be one of the more exciting districts; as far as the area business meeting that happened before the agenda topic sharing - the most confusing area biz was discussed a bit more but did not pass; this was the motion to ask the General Service Conference to develop a pamphlet on safety; the other biz item that was discussed a little further and voted on was the proposal that all area business be decided by 2/3rds vote - this also did not pass; and before we move on, I want to give a big thanks to Elena who put on a really excellent Agenda Topic Workshop// *response:* and Nereida too// yes, of course, I didn't see her here tonight - is she here?; well, it was a great event and the turnout was one of the largest I've seen. Thank you.

Officers/Liaison reports

- Recording Secretary - Chelsea W.; Antonio - can I see you after meeting for spelling your last name?

- District Registrar - Neil F.; Area Registrar has shared that the area data base issues will be solved in the near future; she'll be able to get contact information updated and sent to AAWS/GSO electronically; the reality is the system is so outdated that we have still been using regular snail mail to send the information to AAWS/GSO and they are about 3-4 months behind on replying to groups using that medium; but the Area Registrar is working really really hard to get everything up to date and the last thing I heard from her - this past weekend - was that you should be getting your GSR packets within the next month; I'm sending around the same list as last month - this time with a different colored pen so when you update information I can see it; if you can't find your group alphabetically, try to continue looking as not everyone is listed that way; it is confusing for district officers and members; thank you.
- Mailing Coordinator - Caleb A.: I serve as mail coordinator; you should have gotten email from me this past week; if you did not get an email from me then please make sure you get your correct contact information to Neil; if you have any questions please let me know.
- Website Liaison - Justin H.: I work with Michael P to keep our website up to date; you can access the documents Caleb emails to us on there; if you're still not getting the email; the website is sfgeneralservice.org; // so when you go to the site, click on "What's New?" and you'll find links// yes, you'll find links to the most recent DCMC letter and as soon as the Minutes are approved, they will be up there too; it usually only take a day or two once I send things to Michael; so, if you don't get the email from Caleb then you can go check it out online on our website.

Third legacy election – Dennis H DCMC: I'm going to get us started on the process of electing a new Alt DCMC; as you know Laura H had to resign and we need a new one; the idea is that you do the new GSR orientation each month; provide the group with a sample GSR district meeting summary report at the end of our monthly district meeting; Alt DCMC also serves as the helpful guidance for events coordinators - being their point person; attend the agenda planning meeting last Tues of the month; you need to go to the area meeting in petaluma the last Saturday of the month if I cannot make it and it's a good idea to go and get familiar with it even if I can go; couple of other things like if I am not here you need to run this meeting; before we start the process are there any Qs// Q- what are the times of the additional meetings?// A - This meeting 2nd Tues of month 7:30pm (or earlier) to 9pm; Last Tues of the month 6:15pm-7pm and that's the monthly District officers agenda planning meeting; the Area Committee Business Meeting is the 4th Saturday of the month in Petaluma from about noon-3:30pm as well as the committees that meet in the morning; and you're expected to attend the four yearly assemblies// Q - is there a cheat sheet for where we should be – like where and what we're supposed to be at, like what you just said, but for GSRs?// A - that kind of information will be in the service manual and we can talk after about the specifics for our district, for general service in san francisco; ... any more Qs?// Generally the qualifications are that you have some experience in general service at the district level; like you've been a GSR or an Alt GSR; but most important is that you have the time availability to be of service in this way; ok - so Miguel is going to help us with the Third Legacy Election process// *Miguel reads from service manual pages S21-S22; asks those present if available; two trusted servants make themselves available; Aaron M - GSR for Weds High Noon & Justin H - Alt GSR for Waterfront Group; first round 31 total votes, 18/13, 2/3rds not achieved; second round 31 total votes, 17/14, 2/3rds not achieved; third round 31 total votes, 18/13, 2/3rds not achieved; fourth round 31 total votes, 19/12,*

2/3rds not achieved; Miguel asks for motion to conduct fifth vote; overwhelming majority in favor of pulling name from the hat; **Justin's name was pulled and is new Alt DCMC.**

Officers/Liaison reports cont...

- GGYPAA Liaison - Elliott F.: ACYPAA happened; next one is in sacramento; elections will be on May 13th and our GGYPAA elections are now on May 7th at the Marin Alano club at noon.
- PI/CPC Liaison - Justin H; PI/CPC was active in service by providing a booth at the annual Conference of the American Counseling Association in San Francisco; therapists, mental health providers and others who treat alcoholics were able to gather accurate information on AA from the PI/CPC committee members manning the booth; the 2nd Monday of the month is the orientation at 6pm at central office; all you have to do is attend; or you can contact us and schedule orientation for your group;// Q is all that info on the site? //A yes if you go to the website and email them // Q is it more about DUIs? I'm more interested in going into schools and jr. colleges //A right now the reason you're not hearing a lot about the need to carry the message into schools is because there's no one currently serving the position of coordinating speakers for schools; we have vacancies and it's vital that people step up and take over those positions; we are absolutely in need of people to take meetings into schools and DUI class and a lot more; the website is aasf.org/PICPCservice
- Bridging the Gap Liaison: Leo A.; Next month orientation for Bridging The Gap will happen before the regular GSR meeting; primary purpose of Bridging the Gap is to help AAs who are just getting out of a treatment center or corrections - help them get a foot in AA; if you want to volunteer then you can share your experience with people in treatment and corrections who are about to get out and re-enter society; we need phone numbers for these folks to contact; you'd be asked about meetings and how to get a sponsor; that kind of thing.
- District 16 Liaison service position open: Gilbert G - This district needs 16 liaison; link with our Spanish speaking general service members in our city; requires bilingual ability; requires you attend this meeting and Dst 16 monthly meeting 3rd Wed 7:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.; Central Office, 3401 Cesar Chaves St., Ste C.; please ask your groups if there is somebody in your group; it's really a matter of attending both of these meetings; don't need to be a GSR;

Group Sharing

DCMC - How many people here attended the Pre-Conference Assembly in Pleasanton?; I'd like to give some time for those who attended to come up and share their experience// I'm GSR for coconuts at the mission fellowship; yeah it was a lot of fun; I didn't even get up and say what I thought from the mic; nervous when i got there; started knitting; yeah i knit; I just got to listen to what all these other people thought and heard things I'd never thought about otherwise; i recommend it strongly; I actually kind of like this stuff now; i was a GSR last year and i hated it; but now i feel like I actually get what's going on// I just went up there; i was driving up in the rain and I am not feeling it; wound up shaking off my negativity; it was a love fest!; i mean, in the group I am the GSR for they are really not into being informed or involved and I don't really feel the love in my group; but having an experience of communication with like-minded people was really rewarding; so if you're not getting the love – a really good place to go be reminded why I'm doing this is; I was over by bridging the gap hearing awesome

stuff; and the facebook page discussion was fascinating; had awesome convos when I was supposed to be paying attention- but yeah, so glad I got to go.

Visiting area officer: (Miguel H. - Literature/Grapevine/La Vina)

Great privilege to be here and be of service to your district and the area and AA as a whole; thank you for this; the reason we are all here is for 12th step work; a very big thank you, so much, for all of you who made it to the pre conf; the 67th panel topics really were fascinating and what we heard at the mic was unbelievable!; hearing so many ways to learn and do your service better; yes - ok - now I am serve the Area at the Lit and GV/LV rep; I have been receiving emails from all over about how our literature helps AAs get and stay sober all over; specifically i'll share with you about The Loners/International Meeting; this is for those who are sea going and in extremely remote areas; the way that they stay sober is so often through receiving and sharing the message with literature; also, our literature is reaching more and more people through public service announcements and translation into other languages; there's a psa being discussed was in spanish; also creating in english and french; I have to tell you how excited I am about the Rarotongan language Big Book; this is a language spoken only in the Cook Islands in south pacific; I bought two already; so now, the Big Book has been published in 70 different languages; and by the way, it is local central offices that ask the GS Conf to consider the translation and then do all the actual translating and submit it to get published; one other translation is still pending – the Navajo oral language tradition; there are so many exciting things happening - like with GV and LV yes?; anyone download the GV app on your iPhone?; now available for android!; windows 10 later this year; GV board has plans to add more to the ap; let's talk about GV - how many people have submitted their stories to GV? I have – a lot – i strongly suggest you do that; it is so very rewarding; and there's more to submit than just your writing; the bay is full of artistic people; GV purchases pics like photos and artwork; imagine being able to contribute in this way; GV needs stories from people who got sober at an early early age; people who got sober in their teens 20s and 30s; special GV about service so please submit your experiences being a part of general service; there are a lot of stories from you that would be really really awesome; last report that numbers are decreasing; and yet think of what an amazing resource it is! you can share this mag with all over the world; i know people who are pulling staples out of the la vina so they could be taken into jails bc people make weapons out of staples - so members sit around and make La Vina staple-free so spanish speaking inmates can read the message; service is not the most boring thing to do and stay sober at the same time; sure it can be boring; but really only if you let it; – you know your group and you know what they like to hear; anything that I have shared with you can be passed on in anyway that gets people excited about service; we have a lit/GV/LV sharing session at 10am 4th sat before the area meeting...// Q - as far as GV/lv does one have more subscribers than the other// A yes many more; LV isn't near GV// Q what are the # s for LV to survive// A we have like 9,000 subscribers now and LV needs like 17000 to be self-supporting.

DCMC - speaking of self support let's take time for the *****7th tradition; We have an area officer every month; give lot good perspective of what's going on; they attend at least three of these meetings every month; we really appreciate what they do; Let's thank Miguel very much.

Presentation of New Business

By Dennis DCMC - At the Pre-conf assembly; for those who went; you saw it was two parts; the first thing Sat morning was the area biz meeting; one topic came up and will probably be voted on at the post conf assembly; we are going to get your thoughts and have a discussion on this at next month's meeting but i'm going to present it to you now; the item will be in your packet under the section "Area Business"; this relates to the book Living Sober; Motion READ; then it goes on to talk about at one point in time LS had verbiage RE medication/ mental health; READ excerpt; the motion is not to change the wording of the lang; this language is already existing; we are going to discuss what you think about asking GSO to put this lang back in the book; i am interested in what you think about this; if the motion passes then Joann will write to GSO and ask them and it could be an Agenda Topic next year; // Q should it have gone through the whole agenda topics process to have been taken out in the first place? // A - in theory, yes // Q So is it unknown why this language was removed?// A - essentially that's right, we don't know why this happened// Q it was taken out with any discussion? // A right // Q what would be the time line be for when LS is re-published and printing of new copies? // A up to the printers and the board I suppose, but that's not really the issue at hand; Remember generally don't go through and approve how GSO does the legwork of actually publishing literature; What the issue is: do we want this in or don't we? And then we'll ask our delegate to ask GSO; a lot will happen before anything is published; for example - let's say the motion passes – that is not a guarantee that it will be put back in; what we're seeing here is how the agenda topic list is put together; we don't have a lot of time left so I'm going to leave time next month for us to discuss this; take it back to your groups and next month we'll hear what they've told you.

Going to open it in the last 15 mins for **what's on your mind**; if you'd like a discussion topic we'd like to know what is going on in your groups; what kind of help do you need?// GSR for Too Early; we recently decided we're going to do a group inventory; also, want to plug for teleservice; last committee mtg we elected a new chair; this service is so crucial; answer phones for central of when it's closed; it's really important that AA members who live in SF take ownership over SF teleservice; a lot of the volunteers who answer teleservice calls have moved and now live outside the city; we need daily coordinators too// I just need to say something about the Living Sober excerpt; The operative word to me was 'suicide'; that's not a good thing and perhaps that text should go back// there's a fundraiser for the Living Sober Roundup; the fundraiser is the annual Spring Fling Drag Thing on Sat the 15th Everett Middle school; go to livingsober.org; we have fliers on the table; early registration is now open; 40 or 50 and it will go up// Q when is it?// A dates are Aug 4th-6th 2017;// GSR for Smoke free Friday mission fellowship; we should get the text back; it was group conscience and conference when it was approved but not when it was removed// Has the contact sheet gone around?// Only made it through two tables// Maybe that means people were paying attention!// I am here visiting your group from oakland; wanted to share that we play a General Service Trivia Game before our meeting; I invite you to come attend; 4th weds of the month in eastbay; it's during the concept study at 6:30pm; please let me know if you have things to contribute to the game!

Closing:

- Sample GSR report - "I serve this group as your GSR. what is a gsr? My role is to be the connection between our group and AA as a whole - in the past weeks I have collected your opinions on issues that

impact all of AA; then I brought this group's voice to the Pre Conf Assembly where it was shared with the delegate who will take the collective group consciences from northern coastal California to AA General Service Conference in NY. At the local level, our monthly general service meeting which is the 2nd Tues of the month has changed time and is earlier - starts at 7:30pm. Some exciting things happening in AA beyond our group - ACYPAA hosted over 3000 sober young people having a blast in recovery last weekend and next year the conf will be in sonoma; to get involved elections will happen May 13th; also Grapevine is vital to countless alcoholics in remote areas and now the GV app is available on android; Wouldn't it be so cool to see your story in the GV? They are asking for stories from member who got sober as teens, in their 20s & 30s, so check it out at aagrapevine.org"

- Close at 8:58pm with responsibility statement.