

District 06 (San Francisco) **Minutes** for General Service Meeting **Tuesday, August 8, 2017**
St. Mark's Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs), 1111 O'Farrell Street, SF, CA

6:30 – 7:00pm New GSR Orientation: 3 attended – led by Justin H. *Alt. DCMC*

7pm – 7:30pm 12 Concepts & Service Manual Study: 5 attended – led by Alison W.

Opening of Meeting

- Open at 7:30pm with Serenity Prayer
- General Service Preamble – read by Dennis H. (*District Committee Member Chair - DCMC*)
- Tradition 8 long form read by Alex B.; Concept 8 read by Pamela S.
- **Welcome new GSRs:** Alex B. GSR Room to Grow; Mike M. GSR Like a Prayer; Pamela S. GSR Mid-morning Support; **Anniversaries:** Hemanth S. 5 years; Ken D. 29 years; Kenny 18 years; Paul O'L. 4 years; Rob L. 21 years; **Visitors:** Jennifer B. CNCA Chair; Ken D. Unity and Service Conference; Christopher C. recently moved here;
- Minutes from previous month (July 2017) accepted as written

Presentations

- **Financial Report** – Gilbert G., District Treasurer: discussed monthly financial report; out of the red; no expenses out of the ordinary; Qs? // Q: did you want to mention anything about the finance committee getting to work on our District's budget for next year?// A: yes; thank you; we have about five people who are participating; there are some who have general service commitments and a few AA members at large who have expressed interest in being on the committee; any AA member can be on the committee even if you're not a GSR or DCM; so if you want to join us please let me know
- **Presentation of Concept 5** – Sarah B. – GSR Too Early; Volunteer for 2 minute presentation of Concept 9 for September meeting; Hemanth S. – GSR for Say Hey
- **DCMC Report** – Dennis H.: if you haven't received packet from NY let me know; it's actually worth mentioning briefly that nothing we do here is secret; for example – how our treasurer was saying that any AA member can join the finance committee and have their voice heard in how we budget and see our financial number; it's transparent; also, you can come to the agenda planning meeting at the end of the month; also called an officers meeting, but it's not just for the officers; as far as my report- not a lot to report; At the area business meeting last month the group discussed whether or not to send \$10,000 to NY; the area is going to submit a bid to host the international convention in 2030; the theme for 2020 international convention will be love and tolerance is our code; I received the quarterly regional report from our delegate; if you're interested and want a copy let me know and I can email it to you because this is a new anonymity protected version; Also I have digital 2017 conf report and is anonymity protected; this digital version is available in three languages French, Spanish and English; you should see it in your mailing; there are fall assembly fliers up here; it is Sat Nov 4th 2017; it is the inventory assembly for the area; we will also be having our district inventory in Nov; if there are questions you want to ask please submit; I will not be here next month; traveling; your alternate DCMC Justin will be filling in for me; any Qs?// Q: what is an inventory assembly?//A: first I'll direct you to the service manual and then the pamphlet called "the group: where it all begins" for comprehensive descriptions; and the short answer is that a group inventory is where we ask ourselves, as a group, are we meeting our primary purpose?;

how are we doing it and could we be doing it better?; there will be a lot of opportunity for members to give their views on what's happening in the area and in their district; basically, how well are we doing?; are we open to everyone?; do we need to make course adjustments?; can we change something while we still have time left in this panel?; is there a better way to do it?; are people being heard?; is there something you'd rather see happening? Does that answer your Q?// yes.

Officers/Liaison reports

- **District Registrar** - Neil F.: on each table you'll find the GSR and District Trusted Servant Sign-in sheets; they are updated best I can so far; please see that it circulates; there's also a sign-up sheet to be on a Contact list on your table; this is to help facilitate communication between each other; has nothing to do with registration; just for us; will be destroyed at the end of the panel; feel free to sign up; or not
- **Intergroup Liaison** – Luke H.: it was a very lively meeting; discussion and vote on precedent set by other fellowships; the topic is whether or not meetings that consider themselves atheist/agnostic be designated as such in the schedule; there was a provisional vote last month; more substantial vote this meeting; did not pass; //Q: would a designation be like wheelchair accessible?// A: yes; exactly; and so far the atheist/agnostic meetings have been indicated as such by the actual name of the meeting; // Q: do you have to qualify as an atheist in order to go into the meeting// A: No; not at all; they are open to all members like any other meeting// Q: why was this being discussed? //A: we've heard that this meeting designation seems to feel more welcoming for those who are new; we had several members share that when they were traveling they saw this meeting designation in other districts' meeting schedules and that people felt it was more inclusive// Q: did the vote pass? Will we have this in our meeting schedule now? // A: No. No it did not pass// Q: would it be a good topic to mention to our groups?//A: yes it's good for your groups to know this was being discussed; let them know if they are interested to talk to their Intergroup Reps – or consider being an Intergroup Rep// Q: would it be like a it's own group format? Like would it be different preamble?// A: that is not the intention; it would be more of a designation; Some of the freethinkers meetings do read a different preamble, have a different format – like cross talk is permitted – and the steps have some rewording; // Q: so the meetings choose their own designation and then call central office and tell them what they want to be designated as? // A: yes like - YP for young people // talk to me after the meeting for more on this // Last thing I'll say is about the plan to make a bid for an assemble in the next panel; we're looking at the Election Assembly in 2020 probably on Sat Nov 2nd; still coordinating with Erica RE location; let me know if you want to get involved.
- **Liaison District 16 Spanish Central** – Allison M.: I'm your liaison to Dist 16; it is geographically the same but consists of all the Spanish speaking meetings; so I attend this meeting and their district business meeting which meets third weds of the month; very small; very cozy; it's a really nice feel; small enough that each GSR gets to give a report; like contributions and anniversaries; a BBQ fellowship is coming up; I'm getting to learn a lot; two sets of acronyms; I usually come in here and look at my phone; but at Dist 16 everyone is super chatty; everyone does the coffee at the end and it's where everyone gets to talk, follow-up and fellowship; there are a lot of folks there interested in working on what Luke was talking about RE hosting an Assembly here in our Districts.

PRAASA report – Elizabeth Z; GSR Sister Circle – PRAASA is the regional service assembly; happens at the beginning of each panel; I encourage anyone interested in general service to go check it out; it's two and a half days; I'd been to one previously in San Diego; very happy to go back this year; not sure if I would recommend it; a lot of platitudes; wish there was a little more substance; just putting it out there; I felt like there was a lot of congratulating ourselves on being so spiritual; past trustees share about different issues; some issues in AA that were discussed were things like there's a membership decrease in US but increase in Canada and UK; if you are able to attend, my favorite part is the round tables in the evening; really fascinating; there are so many of them happening in just a few time slots; I went to websites and technology and it was particularly interesting; the technology in AA national workshop in sacramento is coming up Sept 8th-10th; items discussed at the roundtable I attended were things like using flyers where the contact information is for central office or a google number so phone numbers and names less searchable; not having general service titles as part of our automatic signature in emails; partner with storage space for online storage or in the cloud; where will google be ten years from now?; will online presence need licenses?; who's not here and why aren't they here? What am i doing to reach out to the person who is different from me?; I do have some very specific recommendations; i would be really glad to share; see me after if you'd like to hear more; thank you.

Visiting Area Officer: Jennifer B. – Area Chair

I became a GSR in a roundabout way; I was invited to help with folding and mailing for the CNCA comments; my district needed help- desperate for bodies; I didn't know what this was about or what we were doing; I hadn't done any service outside the group; I was terrified of that; I ended up liking it a lot; liking the feeling; I started looking for meeting that needing a GSR; I ended up giving a ride to someone new to a meeting I never would have gone to if it weren't for her; they needed a GSR; So I went back to that meeting and became the GSR; sometimes it can take a while; that newcomer drifted off but she did a great favor; I remember making myself available and my heart pounding; participation was exciting; somebody is doing it; connected to them and district; didn't necessarily want to have to go to more meetings and facilitate; I really enjoyed it; someone needed to do; i fell into service; I was the alt dcmc; liaison to a lot of committees; I had personality; ended up learning about myself; doing a lot of step work around what came up for me at general service; didn't know I would enjoy it so much; had some skills that helped me get along at general service; just trying to be useful; helping everybody arrive at a group conscious; love the comradery; being at the workshops; seeing all these people from dif parts of life and hanging out and lined up and announcing all their events; listening to & learning from each other; it's the one chance to talk to each other; reps from all the Districts across the area sharing with each other; Joann can't be everywhere every month so a lot of us officers visiting the districts is getting to be the eyes and the ears of the delegate; people sharing about intergroup, bridging the gap committee, what's important to your groups; what you want to spend your money on; we share all that with her; you also connect your group just by showing up participating in things like the concepts studies; it's really cool to see so many of you participating; oh, and the pamphlets "GSR may the most important job" "circles of love and service" talk about how the voice of the groups get to the district and to the area and beyond; hear more and share more; make a motion from a group to the dist to the area and then could go to the conference; bringing back information back to the group; and a few things about taking info back to your group; nobody likes a laundry list back from the group; what interests

you; what interests your group; make an emotional connection; then people will come ask you after the meeting - what's that PI thing you were talking about again?; mention the conference report if you think people are into it; we are going to get books like this area committee meeting; a lot of people go to the money; tell your group what you like; I like the presentations; I like grapevine articles; I get a lot out of that what's happening with the literature; share a little bit each week and never run out; how can we make the connection between conf and helping the drunk on the corner; that is what inspires people; what we're doing here matters; another plug pacific regional trustee report; connecting making it personal and telling it like a story and also details like how many book; // Q where is the pacf reg trustee elected// A: at our fall inventory we will elect a nominee; at the general service conference all those people will be presented and the delegates vote for the each area in the region nominate candidates//

**** 7th tradition ****

Presentation of New Business

Motion: That District 06 reimburse one Bridging the Gap Co-Chair for their attendance at the 12th Annual Area Bridging the Gap Forum in Monterey in an amount not to exceed \$255.00.

| Proposed Budget | | |
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| Expense | Basis | Max Reimbursement |
| Lodging Expense | Monterey apx. 125 miles one way | \$100.00 |
| Breakfast & Lunch Expense | Provided by Host Dist. | \$0.00 |
| Dinner Expense | Half day travel. | \$20.00 |
| Mileage Expense | Travel 250 Mi. @ .40/mi. for D6 | \$100.00 |
| Registration | Attendance | \$35.00 |
| Total | | \$255.00 |

Questions on New Business: Q: is this maximum?// A: yes – it will likely be much less than this// Q: why do you keep saying 'she'?// A: because the male BTG co-chair isn't available to go the whole day so he'll be going on his own for a half day and if we pass this motion it will be for the female co-chair to go the whole day// Q: do we have the money in our treasury?// A: yes// Q is this a one time expense or

ongoing?// A: one time. To be ongoing the finance committee will need to propose it in the budget for next year//

Presentation of New Business

- *PI/CPC Liaison* – Justin H.: didn't have our meeting yesterday; how to get involved – come this coming Monday!; also there will be an item of old biz before the Fall Inventory Assembly . – *presented by the CNCA PI/CPC Committee; "That the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous and the General Service Conference of Alcoholics Anonymous approve the development of a new public service announcement in video format that utilizes full-face actors (not members of A.A.); it's a motion to ask the Board to make full face PSA for use across the country; it's important to take this to your group and have an informed group conscious for the future; the use of full face actors has already been approved; the motion is for the board to actually do it; there's currently no PSA with full face actors in the US/Canada; email Justin if you want more info about pros and cons RE full face PSA*

What's on your mind – I got sober 8.8.88; there's a great conference coming up; Love and Service; Next weekend; opportunity to be exposed to more ways to understand traditions and concepts; there will be presentations on the traditions and concepts; we have a conference where people are up in front of the room describing an ah-ha moment where a concept or tradition applied to something troubling them; that's what the conference is about// The Road to Detroit is a series of AA conferences designed to build awareness and enthusiasm for the 2020 International Convention in Detroit, Michigan; it's independent from the actual international conf in detroit; check out roadtodetroit.org; we're heading to St. Louis, Missouri in 2018; Akron, Ohio in 2019; and finally Detroit in 2020!// east bay intergroup is putting on the newest play "I am responsible"; September 8-10; it's about general service mostly for people who are not super general service geeks//Memorial for Desmond for everyone is Sat Aug 12th at the Slovenian Hall at 6:30pm// Memorial for Peg L sat aug 19th;

Closing:

- Sample GSR report – Justin H "I serve this group as your General Service Rep; I attended the District Business meeting; there were plates of Peanutbutter mms; learned that the general service treasury for our district is finally out of the red after 8months into this panel; keep up the 7th tradition coming; there's a National AA Technology Conference in Sacramento Sept 8th-10th; AA in the 21st century; we had a great presentation from our Area Chair talking about how licking envelopes and eating pizza can get unsuspecting members to be of service; Maybe you want to start being of service beyond the group level?; all you have to do is make yourself available for bridging the gap; finally biz at the fall inventory area assembly will be about the production of a new PSA for AA using full face actors. Please see me for more information on anything I mentioned.

Close meeting at 9pm