

District 06 (San Francisco) **MINUTES** for General Service Business Meeting **Tuesday 10 April, 2018**  
St Mark's Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs) 1111 O'Farrell St. San Francisco CA

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- 6:30 – 7:00pm New GSR Orientation – led by Justin H. *Alt. DCMC*
- 6:30 – 7:00pm Bridging the Gap Orientation – led by Peter M. BTG committee
- 6:30 – 7:30pm 12 Concepts & Service Manual Study – led by Jackie B. GSR
- 6:30 – 7:25pm GSR Sharing Session – led by DCM Christopher C.

### Opening of Meeting

- Open at 7:30pm with Serenity Prayer
- General Service Preamble – read by Dennis H. (*District Committee Member Chair - DCMC*)
- Reading of Concept Four – Justin H, Alt DCMC; Reading of Tradition Four (long form) – Madison P [REDACTED]  
GSR Kool Fresh Kids Club
- **Welcome new GSRs:** Madison P [REDACTED] GSR Kool Fresh Kids Club, Weds 9pm, 2900 24th St
- **Welcome Visitors:** Nick S. GSR from D08, Love & Service Group, Contra Costa County; Jennifer B [REDACTED] CNCA Chair
- **Sobriety Anniversaries:** 37 years Carla; Antonio 6 years;
- Brief description **“What is a Service Sponsor?”** those willing to be a service sponsor raise hands.
- **Prior Month's Minutes:** approved with amendments: correct concept and Steve R (not B)

### Presentations

- Financial Report – Gilbert G [REDACTED] District Treasurer: Financial report – reviews financial statements; sorry for the double mailing; the second one mailed out is the correct one; there were more travel expenses paid out this month but that figure will not be so high as the future months; individual group contributions for last month, come see me
- Presentation of Concept Four – Beth S [REDACTED] GSR *What it's like now* at 2900 24<sup>th</sup> St.  
- Volunteer for May Concept 5: Hemanth Srinivasan – GSR for Say Hey

### Third Legacy Election: Bridging the Gap Co-Chair

Antonio C [REDACTED] made himself available and was elected without objection.

- DCMC Report – Dennis H [REDACTED]: Assembly; one of the best turnouts of SF representation in years; if you want to get an update to the delegate you have until the 16<sup>th</sup> to email or call her; CNCA business motion passed for full face PSA; motion up for old business at the post conf assembly: That GSO make meditation literature; there was presentation of New Business: 5th edition of BB; Pacific Regional Forum coming in Sept; flyers up here; also flyers for Post-Conf Assembly; also Marin District delay in approving RE safety workshop; we'll be looking for someone who can be liaison for this; the event will mostly likely happen in October; I need some help on something; Joann will be coming in June and I need help doing a flyer for the delegates report; always try to expand beyond just those who usually come to the District meeting because the delegate's report is really for all of AA members.
- Intergroup Liaison – Steve R; updating schedule; switching to consensus for voting procedure.
- 2018 Unity & Service Conference – Nick S [REDACTED]; Love and Service group; Drew was here last month and I'm back to tell you about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Unity & Service Conference in Concord, CA on July 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>; talking about traditions and concepts; might be Clancy's last time traveling to speak; this conference is

about experiences in service and applying the principles in the Traditions and Concepts in their lives; we hope to see you all this year.

- PI/CPC Liaison – Justin H; orientations are coming up ; committee meeting; Sunday streets; inform the public; every month throughout the summer;
- Liaison to H&I – Brad K; ongoing concerning financial situation; that pink can really needs help; 95% of what you put in that can goes directly to getting literature to people who are confined; also now possible to contribute online; <https://www.handinorcal.org/contribute> ; please let your group reps know; biz meeting only happens every other month; 40-50 places that need meetings which do not have members volunteering; not everyone can make the Sat 3rd for the H&I orientation so we are offering more on Thursday nights; next is April 26th at Central Office 6:30pm; then July 26<sup>th</sup> & Oct 25<sup>th</sup>; all held at Central Office (1821 Sacramento)
- GGYPAA Rep - Allison W; Elections for the GGYPA Committee serving from April 15th 2018 through April 2019. All positions are available. Anyone who is sober and wants a position will be able to have one! Sun, April 15, 12:00pm – 2:30pm; Crissy Field, San Francisco, CA 94129
- Liaison with D16 Allison W - Hispanics Women's Workshop; dist 20 came to talk about 12 traditions and 12 concepts
- PRAASA Report Beth S – the first PRAASA was in 1968 in Fresno; it was in Sparks this years; next year in Irvine; purpose of PRAASA to promote unity; the three legacies; 1970 flyer third year finally started being called PRAASA; drove through a snow storm; pretty much showed willing to go to any lengths; we got settled in; it was super fun at a Casino; topics that were discussed were really interesting – inclusion, personal sacrifice, translations; the timing system green light, yellow, red, clapping; anonymity and humility; at the end of the evening we went to the round tables discussions were we met in smaller groups; still a new GSR so I went to the GSR round table; it felt good because I was able to follow and I knew what they were talking about; a lot of others didn't; we're doing a great job here; BTG round table; YP round table; business meeting; sound equipment; What's on your mind; delegate ask it basket; I was inspired because there were a lot of YP THERE; and ACYPAA was happening at same time; I was really moved by what everyone was sharing; really glad I got to go; I hope everyone can go at some point and if you do - find a way to stretch... there's so much sitting.
- Visiting Area Officer – Jennifer B [REDACTED] CNCA 06 Chair:  
Topic: *Why a GSR should attend the Post-Conference Assembly?* The simplest answer is right in our Service Manual - in job description; experience the truly democratic process of our service structure; communication; follow path to conference; full reports and get the story so you can be a part of; quoting from service manual; Also, two motions at the Area business meeting in the morning; literature on meditation; new edition of big book; easy to take to your group and get feedback because these are topics that almost everyone will have an opinion on// Q: how does a motion get to the business meeting at the Area? //A: a good example of what happens is the current agenda topic RE returning the text to "living sober" motion; that came from a district in our Area; and the motions I just mentioned- if passed – will be passed on to Board as requests to be Agenda Topics; both things where the input is wanted and needed; Also at the Post-Conf we have panel discussions and someone from SF's district will be presenting; as far as the delegate's report - first time we get to hear about it; get a chance to ask questions; there's something about being with the bigger group of people hearing the delegate's first delivery of the report that is really special; really awesome to hear it twice too since delegate will be

coming here in June; I actually had a profound spiritual experience at a post conf assembly; there was an agenda topic that was similar to some discussed this year; inclusion topic; I was in early recovery; I tried to be neutral; some people were for and some were against; I had so much fear of going to the mic; at the time I had so much fear; I walked through the fear at the Pre-conf to give my group's voice; so after I had gone through that and then at the post-conf heard the delegate and he was talking about what he saw heard and felt; I started to get a little bit of a grasp of how special the process is; he did make it found fun and exciting; the topic had died on the conf floor; then a handful of delegates got together and came up with a floor action; revived it – the topic; in that moment I felt like there were people who I didn't know stood up for something I believed in and I felt like I belonged; I was crying and able to take it back to my group feeling of being part of something bigger; after we did all this work to prepare our current delegate; it is worth it to hear her; I recommend it; plus it is your job; Vallejo; may 12th;

### **New Business:**

*DCMC:* We need to move across to the ULC; where we can pay \$150 the whole night; in June we will me at ULC; then here in July; then there in August; and then we don't have a plan as of yet; for right now, just remember that in June we are going to be using the space across the courtyard; if you feel like you want to move; want to explore other options; let us know; talked to the other officers and I want to get a sense of what you all would like to do; across the plaza temporarily or long term; // Q: storage space// A: we can still use coffee pots // Q: Tuesday orchestra // A: not sure; any other concerns; we can always find another location if that's important to people; short term we are moving; sorry about having to move back and forth// Q: parking //A: still use this here

Now I'd like to hear from people who were at PRAASA or at the Pre-Conference Assembly for the first time:

- About the experience she was having at PRAASA; the two opening panels were highly significant; trustee tasked them with scholarly presentations; about 30 delegates; only two or three spoke in the folksy AA style; all the presentations were specific; several presentations were incredibly high caliber; amazing service advice which I have taken to heart;

- That was my first PRAASA; I just went as a member; I agree that the thing that struck me the most was the depth of service; former trustees sharing powerful experience; hearing the newst translation - not a written language Navajo; they let anybody in; it was really great;

- I was at the pre conf assembly; it was my second; it was a bit more grueling; I've been going to the dinners and amazing speakers; the speaker is a former trustee and she spoke at PRAASA the year before; and I heard her then; she said something that still sticks with me "a lot of times we must think about who's not here?" Really powerful; she talked about the safety issues that keep coming up; how to be woman in AA and what is at stake for women in AA; She said "we don't need AA police because there are real police"; Big D is my drag king name;

- general service is very humbling; it takes a really long time to catch on; and we don't get to have the immediate gratification that we do working one on one; it was my first Assembly; it was really cool to have all of us sitting there; I heard the delegate speak a while back at a YP conf; she inspired me to get a GSR commitment after hearing her; and at the pre-conf, seeing Joann up on stage being the delegate now, after I was first inspired by her specifically to get involved after I heard her at ACYPAA – that was so great; like seeing service in action hearing everyone and watching how much she cares; and I have to say

it's taken me a really long time to start to feel like I kind of get what we're doing here; it's a whole year of learning and I feel like now I can finally start getting it; feeling grateful to be a part of

DCMC closes meeting at 8:53pm