

District 06 (San Francisco) Minutes for General Service Business Meeting
Tuesday January, 8, 2019
Old First Presbyterian Church at 1751 Sacramento Street, San Francisco, CA

6:30 – 7 New GSR Orientation // 6:30 – 7:30 12 Concepts & Service Manual Study // 7:30 – 9 District Meeting

Opening of Meeting

- Open at 7:30pm with Serenity Prayer
- Reading of Tradition Two by Lou. Concept Two read by Gabriel C.
- Brief description **“What is a Service Sponsor?”**
- **Welcome new GSRs or DCMs:** Krista Wed, Huntington Square meeting, Alison T. Reality Farm, Alex F. NYX Saturdays at 7:00 pm, Dana Pocket Aces, Gabe P. Each day a beginning, Keith D. Each Day a Beginning, Llew K. Sunday Rap, Gillian Girls Gone Mild.
- Reading of General Service Preamble, Justin H. Mention of the March 16th Agenda Topics Workshop.
- **Welcome Visitors:** Jennifer B., California Northern Coastal Area Alternate Delegate.
- **Sobriety Anniversaries:** Beth S., January 27th celebrated 19 years. Michelle, 27th January celebrated 7 years. Chelsea W., 11 years. Allison Jan 24, 3 years. Alex F. Jan 24 4 years. Keith, two years.
- **Prior Month’s Minutes:** approved as written.

Presentations

- **Financial Report** – Beth S., District Treasurer: January. Took in \$1231.59 from group contributions + 7th tradition at this area meeting.

\$62.82 literature
\$35 web domain
\$150 GSR meeting rent

If your group isn’t on the group contribution list, see Beth.

- **Service Manual Chapter 1 – An Intro to General Service:** Sean R. Highlights: we are an upside down organization, groups on top and general service board on the bottom. Talks about the principle of rotation, “I personally have seen some meetings fail” due to lack of rotation.
 - Brad K. asks for a list of acronyms at the tables. Chelsea W. said she’d bring it back.
 - Sean R. – plugs the pre-meeting concept study because he got a lot out of it.
- **What is a Group Conscience?** Chelsea W. There is a service manual for SOLELY our district: “The GSR San Francisco Orientation Thing.” There’s a page titled, “Responsibilities of the GSR” and another “Getting an informed group conscience.” “All important decisions should be reached by discussion, vote, and whenever possible, substantial unanimity,” meaning that 2/3 or more are needed to have a vote pass.
Choose a few agenda topics and bring it to your group.

As you come to the agenda topic workshop, think about two things: 1) Am I informed on this topic, and 2) it doesn’t have to be a majority vote, but get a sense of the general feeling of your group that can include majority and minority opinions. When taking a group conscience it’s often helpful to hear about the minority opinion. You can experience a group conscience at the Agenda Topics workshop.

If you become informed, you'll know what to do.

Substantial unanimity is 2/3 of the people in the vote, not in the room. Abstainers can abstain.

Comment: Choose only a small number to bring to your group. The delegate has to read the hundreds of pages of background information, we only need to read the summaries.

The agenda topic meeting is March 16th, 2019, 12:30 – 3:30 at St. Marks 1101 O'Farrell.

Spanish Women's Workshop - Anita C. – involved in the Spanish Women's Workshop. Starting Spanish speaking women's meetings is very difficult. Women came from all over to the workshop, as far as New York. They shared stories they wouldn't have been able to share in a mixed crowd. It shifted relationships with each other and with their recovery. "AA was almost inaccessible in certain ways... because of not feeling safe, preconceived notions." It was successful and we want to continue to support it.

Spanglish-speaking meeting at Valencia and Mission on Thursdays 6-7pm at 3854 Cesar Chavez.

Anita had to leave early but invites people to contact her directly.

Agenda Topics Jennifer B. – Topics can come from anyone in AA and they form what is discussed at the convention, both in individual committees and to the conference as a whole.

Ideally you will share your GSR group conferences in person at the conference so you can tell your delegate what your group thinks. If you cannot make it, you can email your delegate at Delegate.p69@cnca06.org.

February 15th we should get full background information on all agenda topics. That background information will be available with a password-protected Dropbox.com link that will be available to you.

When an Agenda item is approved by a 2/3's vote it becomes an Advisory Action (approved for action) and work begins on making the action happen.

Q: Does a GSR participate in their sharing session? A: I have to give my group's opinion, even if it is very different from my opinion. At the microphone I share my group's opinion.

- **DCMC Report** – Justin H. Area sharing sessions happen on the 4th Saturday of every month in Petaluma at the community center from 12:00 – 4:30. CNCA06.org to look up the schedule.

There was a motion presentation to compensate translators of area meeting minutes. 1) \$180/month plus \$20/page for all written materials. 2) Provide translators an annual rate of \$500 to translate area stuff so that our Spanish speaking members can understand and vote.

Intergroup Rep - Steve R. Teleservice has made a push for overnight shifts and needs help. Intergroup encourages groups to have new trusted servants register with Intergroup so that money gets attributed properly and so we can get in touch if needed.

Archives is requesting that groups take photos of their meeting space (no people) for archives.

PICPC – Justin H., Public Information and Cooperation with the Public Community. (Inform and outreach to people that in their profession may come into contact with alcoholics.) They are looking for members. Want to outreach to medical schools or put on workshops?

H&I – Brad K. Meetings need 40+ more volunteers. Jails have 30+ more openings. Budget was reduced substantially and contributions increased marginally - we bought 30,000 books with the money.

Please pass the pink can separate from the 7th tradition, and in a different direction. That's proven to improve donations.

Next H&I orientation is April 16th.

Justin: PRASA is March 1-3 in Irvine, CA. Liz K. won the PRASA scholarship. (2/3 in the 1st round. 42 votes cast, Liz 28, Lou 7, Keith 7.)

Q: What happens at PRASA? A: Beth S., last year's scholarship recipient, PRASA. I went with Chelsea and it was super fun, Sparks, Nevada. There were people from Hawaii, all the way down the west coast and Canada. Lot of round-tables, cool panels, very inspiring to me. I heard some amazing stories happening in AA that I didn't know about, a recitation of a part of the Big Book in Navajo (a non-written language). Get out of town and do a bunch of AA stuff all weekend.

Steve R. – I went last years as a new GSR. The delegates had an assignment before they got there, they are delivering reports assigned to them by the trustees. This helped highlight our top-down service structure.

GGYPAA Kristen C. – GGYPAA is putting together a bid for ACYPAA. A requirement for that bid is a letter from the district offering support. A vote to provide letter passed with unanimous support.

New Business

Compensating translators at the area level. Q: Are they currently able to translate everything, and will this money will get more/better translation? A: This will pay for our professional volunteers for at least food/coffee while they are doing it, but it will *not* impact the comments/quality of translations currently being offered.

Q: Are translators in AA? A: Yes.

Q: Are amounts per-person or total? A: Total.

Q: There are per-page amounts, how many normally? A: Not thousands or hundreds, but historically it is unlikely to add up to anything substantial per assembly.

Q: How long have they been uncompensated? A: Definitely over ten years.

What's on Your Mind?

Jackie B – I'm a DCM for sub district 270, the inner sunset. I was wondering if you all wanted to get coffee if you're a GSR in that area, maybe we could get together to get coffee to discuss what we could do as DCM and GSRs. Coffee's on me.

Mac – I'm a DCM. For the agenda topics workshop we're hoping to have flyers passed out for the topics.

Q: Can they be sent out electronically? A: Yes.

Beth S. – DCM and Treasurer. Some groups didn't include a group number or included the wrong group number on their check. GSRs, please check with your group treasurer to make sure you have the right group number. Call central office, Chelsea W., or Dirk to confirm your group number. If you don't know the group number, write the group name or YOUR name on the check, and including the day/time of your group.

Introduction – Meet Your Meeting

Lizzy W. – GSR for meeting "OADW" we meet Monday nights' at 7:00. Our meeting is a little different format than most meetings. It's a women's meeting, however on the 1st meeting of every month we have a male speaker and it's open to men. The meeting is based on relationships. Speaker gives a 10 minute share on a relationship in their life. Sometimes it's a relationship of what it was like when drinking vs. what it's like now. Most of the time it's their mother or their boss, like 80% of the time. I've heard people talk about everything. Heard people talking about relationship with money, food, higher power, pets. Everything. Ten min share, then we have someone interview them for 10 minutes and then the whole floor can ask question for 5 minutes then we go to open shares. We give homemade hearts for chips, so come and get one.

Q: What's OADW stand for? A: Once A Drunk Whore.

Sample GSR Report – Chelsea W. Very energetic GSR report. Chelsea splits the GSR report to her meeting over multiple weeks instead of all at once.

Meeting closed at 9:02.