

District 06 (San Francisco) Minutes for General Service Business Meeting
Tuesday March 12, 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 7:32pm with Serenity Prayer
- Reading of the GSR Preamble by Chuck Firment
- Tradition Three by Shazia H. Concept Three read by Mike.
- Brief description **“What is a Service Sponsor?”**
- **Welcome new GSRs or DCMs:** Bryan N., PAX Monday Noon. Shazia H., Sister Circle. Mike B., Men’s 9:00 a.m. on 7th Avenue. Marcos Z., Men’s Stag. April K., There is a Solution. Christina S., Valencia Smoke Free. Kay C., Raising the Bottom.
- **Welcome Visitors:** Miguel H., Recording Secretary for California Northern Coastal Area.
- **Sobriety Anniversaries:** Liz, 24 years. Rudy, 3 years on March 7th. Kyle, Feb 25th, 4 years. Shazia Hussain, Feb 12th, 4 years. April K, 22 months. Brad K, 12 years.
- **Prior Month’s Minutes:** approved as written.

Presentations

- **Financial Report** – Beth S, District Treasurer: Group contributions for past months 336.09, 20 checks. Last months was 50 checks totaling ~\$1,100 (during last month).

Balance brought forward from January differed due to funds that should have been mailed in Dec/Jan (~\$1,200) but are being mailed now. We are currently dipping into our prudent reserve which is normal for this time of year.

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

Service Manual Study: Jeff – Before this area meeting, at 6:30 we studied chapters 2-3 from the Service Manual. Want to learn about AA General Service? Join the service manual study before the area meeting. Next month’s chapter is “Area Assembly and Activities.”

Special Presentation – Miguel H, Recording Secretary for Area 6. At PRASAA, choose one or two topics to focus on – ones that you think your home group will be concerned about. “When you are presenting on a topic, keep your personal opinion out of it.”

Promote the topic to your home group, bring food – that always helps. Your home group doesn’t care about agenda topics, but don’t get discouraged. Being a GSR is not about me, it’s about us – the group conscience.

Ends the presentation with a reading from the Service Manual on, “Why do we need a Conference?”

Special Presentation – What does a Delegate need to know? - Jackie. The delegate’s job is to be as fully informed with the Assembly topics on what his area/groups feel about the topics. He listens to

summaries of group consciences and brings that info to the Assembly.

Our delegate (Teddy B-W) wants to know if your group has any problems with any of the assembly topics. What were feelings, attitudes, wishes and ideas your group held, and why? Minority opinion information is important to Teddy.

“Does your group generally feel the proposal was a good one or a bad one? Why or why not?”
“I know that my biggest enemy can be what I think I know.”—Teddy.

Alternate DCM - Chelsea W. – An acronym list is now on every table. The General Service website is not up to my standards. *I need help from someone who “speaks website.”*

Steve Intergroup Liaison – Intergroup is doing bigtime outreach to meetings that don’t have GSRs – trying to make it exciting. Teleservice needs help.

PIPCC Justin H– Public information is looking for committee members, recording secretary, outreach, schools, basically people who are connected to institution (medical, school, public stuff).

PRASAA – Liz, scholarship recipient. 1,700 alcoholics from Hawaii, Alaska, Reno, BC, the Yukkon, and places between. AA literature and hearing-impaired resources are an opportunity. 15-75 proposed agenda topics fall into that category. AA is very cost-and-budget conscious. Younger members of AA will help bring AA and literature to ‘tech stuff’ (*recording secretary’s words*).

Meet your DCM – 375, Beth S. Evening meetings at 2900 Florida. I show up at the meetings and announce that I’m your resource. I try to reach meetings without GSRs. I make announcements are pretty much any meeting I’m at. I didn’t understand the general service conference until I became a GSR. I’m a new DCM and don’t really have much an idea what I’m doing, but by the time my two years are up I’ll know it.

Meet the Meeting – Allison T, Reality Farm. Slovenian hall, Thursday nights at 8:30. ~80 people weekly. Instead of serenity prayer, we have the Set Aside prayer. We say a long-form of a tradition and read the Spiritual Experience, Appendix 2. Speaker reads a passage from the first 164 pages and shares on it for ~15 minutes, then calls on people for sharing. The the last 10 minutes are for people raising hands. The speaker-seeker rotates monthly. It’s been my home group since I walked in the door.

New District 6 Positions

Greeter and Setup: Karla H. Setup: Steve Ron. Breakdown: Jerry, Michelle, Pat.

Thoughts About Agenda Topics

Malia L. For items that aren’t to be discussed at the assembly but “you can talk with your delegate via email or in person,” are these as important? A: These items are different somehow, and outside input is valuable but not necessary. A: Some of these were previous items and are under continued discussion, but are not new.

Rudy – Anything is Possible. Do we choose the agenda topics? A: Typically as the GSR, you get to use your judgement on what your group would find appealing and bring those to the group.

Teresa M. I'm comfortable picking and presenting agenda topics, but do I get a group conscience during the middle of the AA meeting or afterward, and what if nobody shows up?

A: Last year I chose a couple topics, emailed summaries, told people we'd meet after the meeting and I brought snacks. We met and everyone shared opinion, then we went around again to get the 2nd reaction. As the GSR I recorded their reactions and took down the minority opinion.

Consensus vs. unanimity? A: Don't need it to have a group conscience.

Riaz A. – As a GSR I should be a channel for my higher power and my group. I meditate before group consciences and ask for guidance.

Linda – DCM for district 265. When a topic starts with "Consider the request..." that means it's new.

Q: Do DCMs vote? A: Yes, but personally, not for their area.

What's On Your Mind

Mac E. – DCM for 255 and a member of GGYPA Golden Gate Young People in Alcoholics Anonymous. ACYPAA conference is coming up in LA. ACYPAA was one of the first times I felt super-connected to AA.

Jackie B. – DCM for Inner Sunset. I'm available at 6:00 to have coffee with any GSRs from the district. I want to reach out to a 'dark' meeting (a meeting not represented by a GSR). A suggestion was to go with someone else as a pair.

Sample GSR Report – given by Chelsea W.

Meeting closed at 9:00 with the Responsibility Statement.