

District 06 (San Francisco) Minutes for General Service Business Meeting
Tuesday April 9, 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
- Kristen reads the General Service Preamble
- Reading of Tradition Four by Pat.
- Concept four read by Julie.
- **Welcome new GSRs or DCMs:** Julie S., Alt GSR for Too Early. Steven G., Wharf Rats. Jose S., Come and Get It. Matt E., Eureka Valley Topic Group. Lois P., Women in Recovery, Vince B., Pax West, Patricia R., Light Steppers. Crista A. Huntington Square.
- **Welcome Visitors:** Sarah B. Alternate DCMC for San Mateo. Coree H., Assembly Coordinator for the Area.
- **Anniversaries:** Carla H., 38 years. Paul R., 4 years. Linda V., 40 years.
- **Prior Month's Minutes:** approved as written, noting typos referring to District 06 as an Area.

Financial Report – Beth S., District Treasurer: March 31st, total income \$1,969. Projected income for total year \$7,600 for only group contributions. We are on track to make our projected income. Expenses: high for last month, much of which was distribution of excess funds for year end in 2018 happened in March 2019. \$1221.77 check. We are still into our prudent reserve *which is normal for this time of the year.*

Q: What is Insurance for \$460? A: Liability insurance for the District 6 meeting.

Q: Why are we distributing funds when we are into our prudent reserve? A: The disbursement was for amount OVER our prudent reserve at year-end 2018 For whatever reason the check was not sent at the end of December, so we sent it in March.

If any groups are having problems getting insurance for their meeting space, contact Central Office and they can be added to the General Office's insurance rider for a nominal fee.

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

Summary of Service Manual Study. Chapter 4. Steve R. The importance of the assemblies is to find out what's happening in other groups and in other areas. This eliminates duplication of effort. This is particularly important at the Pre- and Post-Conference Assemblies.

Presentation – Pre-Conference Assembly. Coree H., Panel 69 Assembly Coordinator. 380 people at my first Assembly. I got a group conscience at my home group by giving out pens and paper, then waiting at the door and not letting people leave until they gave me my pen and hopefully the paper, too. At the Pre-Conference Assembly I went to the microphone and talked about what my group said.

Tips were given on getting group conscience, seating at the Assembly (tip: sit close to the microphone), how to speak into a mic (slowly – very important for interpreters!), and bring an FM radio to listen to live translations.

Presentation on Minority Opinion – Jackie B. Minority opinion is one of the ‘rights’. Right of Opinion, Right of Decision, Right of Participation, Right of Appeal, and minority opinion is part of Right of Appeal. Decisions are made on votes passing with substantial majority (half) or substantial unanimity 2/3 majority. When the vote passes, anyone who voted *against* that decision and has a strong objection can talk about why they voted against it. Then a Motion to Reconsider happens. If even ONE person has decided to change their vote based on the minority opinion, the vote happens again.

Minority Opinion is to ensure there is as little politicking and drama as possible.

Update of Area Committee Meeting – Justin H. The Area voted to both compensate the translators and interpreters, and to compensate ongoing translation of written documentation.

Area is the 4th Saturday of Every month at the Petaluma Community Center.

Registrar - Dirk B. If you know of anything incorrect in the meeting listings and/or GSR contact information, please let me know. Also, please let us know of “dark*” meetings, those without GSRs or not on the Intergroup meeting roster – not a registered group. (**See Steve Ron’s comment in the What’s On Your Mind section below on avoiding use of this terminology.*)

Alternate Chair of District 6 - Chelsea W. You can give me group conscience forms for the assembly. *If you or someone you know can help me fix the San Francisco General Service Website, let me know.*

H&I Liaison, Brad K – 45-50 places that want meetings, but AA doesn’t have anyone to volunteer for secretary once a month. 3rd Saturday of the month, orientation for H&I. Thursday, April 25th at 6:30 at Central Office. Sponsorship in San Quentin, Men, 5 years of sobriety, previous sponsorship experience, visit the prison once a month, H&I familiarity, and attend the April 27 orientation. H&I Conference in Vallejo in May 3-5.

Intergroup – Steve R. AASF.org now redirects to to AASFMarin.org. “Faithful Fivers” – set up to have a \$5 donation made every month to central office. Grapevine wants stories on accessibility issues, broad concepts (language, physical, etc.).

Teleservice will bring orientations to your home group if you want to volunteer for teleservice.

Presentation District Committee Member – Mac E. District 255 committee member, there are 5 groups in my area. I went there and passed out an ass-ton of flyers for the workshop. I will take your group conscience to the area meeting if you let me.

Presentation – Meet The Meeting. John H, What It’s Like Now Group. Different format, speaker meeting starting with a portion of pages 84-85 then they share on “what it’s like now” for 15 minutes. Then it’s a normal discussion meeting. Often the topic is “what it’s like now.” At the meeting end we have birthdays, including chips (tokens) and birthday cake. End the meeting with a reading of Keys of the

Kingdom.

What's on Your Mind?

John H.– my meeting was coming up short in the 7th tradition and we were debating having the basket sent around again. A member of a treatment center offered to pay a month's rent, and others were saying that was a violation of the traditions. We ended up giving back the money (a check) that was given in the name of the treatment center, then an individual cashed the check and dropped the money into the 7th tradition basket.

Patricia "Pat" – Harbor Light Center is a treatment facility and we don't have long-term sobriety so we can't have meeting secretaries with 5 years as suggested in the service manual. We have treasurers but our meetings aren't listed and I don't know if we're contributing. A Harbor Light employee is keeping track of funds for us so they can get the funds distributed to the area. Transition is needed when people leave the facility.

Jeff S – Incident at my group this last Saturday. A member pulled a knife on the group and was yelling angrily. He put away the knife and left, and people called the police. Nothing could be done because we don't know his last name. I don't know if anyone else has experience like this, but if you do could you help me out?

Gabriel C – We dealt with an almost identical issue to Jeff's last year at my group. In order not to lose knowledge, we have a Council of Advisory. Every time a GSR leaves, they stay in the advisory group. We have an advisory group of 5 members and we have a lot of group history and group conscience information that can be retained and shared. This has been very good solution so far to weed out smaller problems.

Lizzy W – Meeting experience, speaker was scheduled but drank the night before they were scheduled to speak. The 'elder statesmen' of the group discussed and decided to let her be the scheduled speaker. It ended up being an excellent share.

Steve R – I was speaking with the delegate weeks ago and I said we were going to dark meetings and he was aghast. **DO NOT use the term "Dark" meetings.** It has a negative connotation.

Malia L – someone to cover District 6 setup for June and July. Llew K. volunteered.

Chuck F – someone to cover Recording Secretary for June and July. Jackie B. volunteered.

Bridging The Gap – Courtney and Peter, district co-chairs for Bridging the Gap. We have not been able to get people to volunteer and stay with us. Several of our institutions already do some type of setting people up with meetings as they get out, and the institutions. Group conscience is to discontinue the services and instead switch to a pre-release contact program. We want to pivot our focus.

Q: What are you shifting focus to? A: Normally, Bridging the Gap has a panel of presenters and goes to institutions monthly for a presentation on what AA is, etc. If patients give us contact info, we contact them. But what we can do now is have patients contact us by sending us a letter and we'll contact them.

We are having trouble getting volunteers in AA, and our institutions are confused saying, "But they're already going to meetings..? They have sponsors..? How is this different?"

Tom. Coordinator for the All Groups meeting and every week a different AA group hosts. I'm looking for meetings willing to host All Groups. It can be a hell of a lot of fun, like a field trip for your meeting.

Steve R. – I have a sponsee at San Quentin. You don't reveal your address, location, or anything. Communication is by letter, in person, and collect calls.

Jackie B.– I went to ACYPAA. Attended a 2:00 a.m. marathon meeting about General Service. YPAA's are great, and ACYPAA will be in Sacramento next year.

Peter F.– I spoke at an H&I conference last week. I sat next to a man with 11 years sober that got sober during a 21 year prison sentence. He got sober due to H&I.

Dirk B.– Agenda topic summary coming out in February does not give me enough time to bring this to my group and get a group conscience.

Sample GSR Report – Chelsea W.

Meeting closed at 9:01.