

District 06 (San Francisco) Minutes for General Service Business Meeting
Tuesday June 11, 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
- Aaron K [REDACTED] reads the General Service Preamble
- Reading of Tradition Five by John B.
- Reading of Concepts by an alcoholic
- **Welcome new GSRs and DCMs:** Ashley K [REDACTED] Alt. GSR Valencia Smoke-Free; John B., GSR Goldmine Group; Michael H [REDACTED] Alt. GSR Join the Tribe; Katie K [REDACTED] Alt. GSR Pocket Aces

DCM Introduction: Stephen R [REDACTED] #240 Pac Heights/Cow Hollow; Mac E [REDACTED] #255 Haight Ashbury; Hemanth S [REDACTED] #320 SOMA; Johnny G [REDACTED] #315 Valencia-Mission; Beth S [REDACTED] #375 Evenings Meetings at 2900 24th Street; Linda V [REDACTED] #265 Lands End & Outer Richmond; Jennifer D [REDACTED] Civic Ctr-Tenderloin; Jackie B [REDACTED] #270 Inner Sunset & Gratitude Center.

Two minute break for GSRs to meet their DCM.

- **Welcome Visitors:** Jeff A [REDACTED]; Kent D [REDACTED] – Love & Service Group, Pleasant Hill; Eric L [REDACTED] Area Chair CNCA 06
- **Anniversaries:** Elizabeth – 8 years; Theresa - 13 years; Riaz A – 9 years; Mike H [REDACTED] – 30 days; AA turned 84
- **Prior Month's Minutes:** Header & Date to be corrected to May 2019.

Financial Report –Beth S [REDACTED] Please thank your groups for your contributions. Updated Group Contribution Report and Year to Date Financial Statement. May was a quiet month; just income from group contributions & 7th traditions. Paid rent, domain and distributed H&I contributions collected last month. By next month, prudent reserve will be full. Normal for this time of the year.

Q: Digital contributions possible for groups to send to district? Currently no, though a group can send their GSO contributions via www.aa.org.

Summary of Service Manual Study. Jeff S [REDACTED], Design for Living meeting. Chapter 6: The Delegate. Responsible for going to the GS Conference and bringing our group's consciences there. And he is responsible for coming back and telling the groups in the area what happened at the Conference. Reports of what they saw, heard & felt. Then the GSR's can bring that back to the group for full transparency. The Post-Conference Assembly is this Sat, June 15 in Vacaville, CA where Teddy will give his report.

Visiting Area Officer: Eric L [REDACTED] Area Chair. Presentation and Sharing Session on Conducting a Business Meeting. Four assemblies a year; upcoming is Post-Conference Assembly; in the summer will be the Summer Assembly and the Inventory/Election Assembly in the Fall. Also there is a monthly Area

Committee Meeting (ACM) in Petaluma the 4th Saturday of the month, where district officers and DCM's gather. His job is to run 16 business meetings a year. Lots of discussions take place at the ACM; you can read about them in the CNCA Comments, which you should receive in the mail. The handout is about how we vote. 1) We vote on how we will vote: 2/3 vs. simple majority. 2/3 is consequential; simple majority is on housekeeping motions i.e. buy a coffee pot. After the vote, the minority opinion is heard and the floor is opened for a motion to reconsider. If one person in the majority changes their mind, a re-vote takes place. I try to prepare myself for every possibility that may come up, anything that might or might not come up for a vote. New business we only have discussion on it, we don't vote on it. Human-side: When I was a new member at my home group, I thought it was the only meeting in the world, because that's where my rehab sent me. I look around the meeting and everyone looked heterosexual, which was creepy to me. Everyone seems like they have money, but I'm poor. They finished with the Lord's Prayer. I was scared. On the literature rack there was a pamphlet for The Gay & Lesbian Alcoholic and I realized that it was ok for me to be there. And when I was in General Service I wanted to learn about the history of the pamphlet. The decision by the Conference in the mid 1980's to print the pamphlet was why that pamphlet was there at my first meeting and made me feel welcome. What we do here matters. As Chair, my job is to make sure you get to be heard.

Q: Allison GSR Reality Farm. Every week it seems we have so many housekeeping motions at group level that I don't have time to get to the area & district business I need to collect the group conscience.

A: There are no emergencies in A.A.; things go slow, especially on hot topics. In terms of how to move things along, I create an agenda and hand it out.

Q: Marcus GSR: Basics of running a business meeting. A: Reports, New Business, Old Business. There is a document available made by a previous DCMC/Area Chair. Ask for help when you get criticized.

Q: Difference between presentation of new business and discussion of new business. First talk about the intent of the motion; then have the discussion later.

Educational Presentation: Jeff A [REDACTED]: Sp Authored a hand-out about the little "t" traditions of conducting business meetings in General Service (Disclosure: The document was not approved by anyone.) Why things move slow, because we are not hierarchal. We are not accountable to the Trustees and Delegates, they are accountable to the groups. It takes time for the groups to have an informed group conscience. Difference between General Service voting procedure vs. Robert's Rules of Order. In AA we are more interested in bringing out the minority opinion and the right of appeal. The chair of the meeting makes sure that its not just the articulate people who participates. Danger of ego; importance of service sponsor in bringing me down to earth. If our egos are in check, then we have the right of decision at the podium to make decisions about voting order, taking the sense of the room i.e. when is the room ready to vote – sometimes majority of people in the room want to vote but Chair feels there hasn't been enough discussion. Chair slows things down and participation by all members. Avoid the tyranny of a bare majority.

Q: Do you vote, and have you ever called for a vote when it was new business. A: As a chair, I was a voting member.

Mock Vote: Conducted by Justin H [REDACTED] DCMC. "Should our Group adopt digital contributions." First month: Questions & Intents about the Motion; Second Month is Discussion on Motion; if members are ready to vote, then it becomes Old Business the following month. Third Month: Old Business is voted on – first decide how to vote (simple majority vs 2/3) and this is by simple majority. Then the vote on the

motion takes place, followed by the minority opinion and ask if anyone in the majority has changed their minds. If one person in the majority changes their mind, then a re-vote is taken place and that vote stands.

DCMC Report

Post-Conference Assembly is this Saturday, June 15 in Vacaville. Area business taking place in the morning:

- Is our Area in favor of a 5th Edition of the Big Book?
- Is there a need for a Transgender pamphlet;
- Should we send two liasons to the Women's Hispanic Workshop;
- Should we have translators at the ACM?

Please come to the Assembly or email your DCM or DCMC to share your group's conscience.

ALT DCMC Report

District Website Committee is forming
We are hosting an Assembly this November.

Liaison Reports

- Mac E [REDACTED] GGYPAA (Golden Gate Young People in AA): Fourth of July BBQ at Crissy Field. Co-hosting a campout with SOCYPAA at Lake Berryessa.
- Brad Kopp, H&I. Contributions are up in San Francisco and we can increase the amount of literature we give to our H&I groups. Thank you for making announcements. Talking about trying to increase the number of groups that have H&I reps.
- Stephen R [REDACTED] Intergroup. Founders Day was last Saturday and a big success. There is interest in having another Safety Workshop, this time in San Francisco and organized by Intergroup. Intergroup is putting on a play about the history of service in A.A. on Saturday, June 22 in Novato, CA. www.aasfmarin.org/responsible2019

Meet Your Meeting

Rudy, GSR for Anything is Possible Group with 7 meetings a week. Sherrif Israel Temple. M-F at 5pm; Weekends at 2pm. Each day has a different format. Core members are members from Nu Outlook when they closed.

Bridging The Gap

Pete F [REDACTED] Co-Chair BTG: Courtney rotated out. Pete will be rotating out in a few month. Phil S [REDACTED] has stepped up to help on the committee. Shift focus from institutional presentations to using H&I representative to tell inmates about BTG and give pre-release forms. GSO has a pre-release contact form that has been utilized since 2004. Forms are for inmates; AA members can volunteer by going to the monthly BTG meeting.

What's On Your Mind

Stephen R [REDACTED] DCM 240: GSR group conscience meetings should be planned in advance
Dirk B [REDACTED] Registrar: How many people have not received mailed Comments or Box 4-5-9
Aaron K [REDACTED] GSR last panel:
Jackie B [REDACTED] DCM 270 announced the Unity & Service Conference in July in Concord, CA.

Sample GSR Report will be emailed by Chelsea to save time.

Meeting closed at 9:01.