

District 06 (San Francisco) **MINUTES** for General Service Business Meeting **Tuesday July 9th of 2019**
First Old Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs) enter 1751 Sacramento St. San Francisco CA

6:30-7:00 New GSR Orientation
6:30 – 7:30 12 Concepts & Service Manual Study
7:30 – 9:00 District Meeting

Opening of Meeting

- Open at 7:30pm with Serenity Prayer
- General Service Preamble – read by Justin H. (*District Committee Member Chair - DCMC*)
- Reading of Tradition 7- Kimberly D. **clapping ensues**; Reading of Concept 7- Rick; Service Manual/ Concepts Study needs a new Co-chair—Sean R. stepping down
- **Welcome new GSRs:** Ben R. Back to Basics @ Harbor Lights; Jennifer A., Women’s Promises; Gabriella M. Women’s Promises Alt GSR; Todd O. GSR for Serenity Seekers
- **DCM introductions:** Chelsea W is the fill in for all unclaimed sub-districts
- **Welcome Visitors:** Ken D from Love and Service Group in Pleasant Hill announcing the Love and Service conference coming up weekend of July 19th.
- **Sobriety Anniversaries:** Julie w/ 8 years; Jeff S. w/ 5 years; John w/ 6 years; Mike w/ 6 months
- **Prior Month’s Minutes:** approved as written

Presentations

- Financial Report – Beth S, District Treasurer: Financial report – reviews financial statements; funds in; expenses; need to resend June group contributions.
- Presentation of Service Manual Study summary – Jeff S. reviewed Chapter 7 discussing the General Service Conference
- DCMC Report – Justin H: Record number of motions passed at Area business meeting
- PI/CPC Liaison – Justin H: new Chair is Molly

Teddy B-W. Gives Delegate Report

-Started out at home group in SF 13 years ago standing for GSR position; Service; voted in as delegate last November 2018; Listening in a new way became my job; Past delegate (Joanne) takes new delegate to airport prior to conference; Conference is 6 days (Sun-Fri...or 3am Saturday morning!); Saturday prior is unofficial conference activities-12x12x12=1728 meeting; remote communities meeting (teddy presented here and spoke of experience working with Spanish speaking women); a time to build connections w/ future friends for life; 135 members of General Service Conference: 93 delegates, 27 directors and trustees, 15 special workers; “Steps release bondage of self, traditions release the bondage of personalities, concepts release the bondage of agendas”; Sunday: Trustee from Canada (Scott) presented on AA around the world, “Unity is grounded in the acceptance of our differences. Not every country experiences AA in the same way”; Delegates from Turkey attended for the first time. “The Nameless Sobers” = AA in Iran; Treasurer presented 141 slides on finances in AA: highlights =[25 million of combined income after expenses net 98,000 in the black](#). Some AA members think it would be a wonderful gesture to send \$8.06 to GSO on August 06 OR “make it a double” send \$16.12 ☺; Last year the amount of group contributions decreased; Good spiritual practice to encourage financial contributions from groups and individuals; Grapevine/La Vina- Teddy always reads the daily quote and is a spiritual giant; New GV book out “Take me to Your Sponsor”; Character of the Conference was “Love and Laughter”; Agenda Topics are the actual Agendas for each conference committee. These are what GSRs obtain group consciences on to give to the delegate. Advisory actions may be produced out of

some of these agendas. They may also become committee consideration (no opinions, only questions asked) for these; Teddy served on Treatment and Accessibilities committee (includes Remote Communities) Most decisions made were voted on unanimously; Some committee reports took <10 min, some took several hours. Most of the time this year was spent on Public Information Committee report (5 hours) should full faces be featured in PSAs? Reviewed PSAs from Australia. Restated policy on full faces in PSAs; Policy says these full face ads may not include faces of actual or *potential* AA members. Recommendation made for an actor portrayal disclaimer on these announcements. Pamphlet on Understanding anonymity- should there be clarification that the traditions are not a cloak to protect inappropriate or illegal behavior? Teddy voted that the language should be included. Passed 108 to 20 votes; Teddy sat with a different group at each lunch time. All attendees are there to do the best for AA with an open mind and allowing for full discussion. Presentations interspersed the reports. Public Information report discussed social media and approved all eight items brought by the committee Friday morning T&A first up; rec'd story from a deaf member added to pamphlet "Access to AA" approved; updated pamphlet AA for the Older Alcoholic; will produce pamphlet for military professionals including information/language on anonymity protection. Lit committee- initially in favor of 5th edition of Big Book; Many felt that focus on a 5th edition would take away from moving in the direction of bringing AA into the 21st century. Importance of the 5th edition being an enduring "final" text; Farewell Brunch: goodbyes to those at the end of term for trustees. Sharing of a candle lighting ceremony. Oldtimers and Newcomers alike light the candles of all AA members. **Questions:** John B requests description of Teddy's daily ritual at conference. Teddy made a little altar for spiritual practice with items from AA members, went to morning AA meeting prior to conference. Steve requested direct quote to be included in Understanding Anonymity pamphlet. // Gabriella requests more information on majority vote against 5th addition of the big book. Teddy expressed concern over "digital first" rationale during minority opinion at the mic. Feels that a 5th edition is simply a "not yet." // Peter F. questions about the trustees and what role they serve // Theresa – if another edition of the BB is published, it might be the last, why is that? A: Intervals 25 years; if AA was founded today would our first thought be to create a book; in 25 years time will the people entering AA look at a book as an historical artifact; we'll be creating so much other content; We also have a couple of handouts – top ten things that happened; also a sheet of interesting facts and stats; // Justin- we'll be having the conference report coming out soon.

Sharing session on what's going on in your group: Please come on up and share experience strength and hope, and let us know what's going on in your group and if you have issues or questions // Rias A – alcoholic GSR for Waterfront; safety in AA has been an issue – both at large and especially in our group; we faced a difficult member in AA who was making the meeting unsafe; so grateful for the legacies of AA; power of others to show; we were able to tell this member was threatening to the group; and was not to come to the meeting our meeting showed unity and followed the fourth tradition and was Christina S; our group our secretary drank it was right in the middle of our secretary shift; it was suggested that I suggest to him that he step and he wanted to do it but other people sobriety requirement minimum in suggest that he not be the secretary are we going to bring it to the group for a vote; we did not; then a fill in; [he stepped down and then](#) // Julie S: was alt for Too Early; now GSR for the West Portal; the group doesn't actually have business meetings so I'd like to know how to work with that or get it going; thanks // John B: same exact situation; the way it was given to me that you can suggest to the meeting; we don't have to the \take time away from the meeting when can be doing this outside the meeting // Allison T: fit in a lot at the meeting reality at the end of the meeting a lot of traditions some with personality and some with curmudgeonly personality things that aren't we don't really need that announcement at all; is that is the general service purview // Brad K: we finally settled down we but together a list of commitment descriptions got it out of the pamphlets so that each commitment was pretty well situation.

- *Bridging the Gap*: Pete F – last month we talked about Phil and Camillia they ran their own Bridging the Gap committee went to the Area they understand; now we are going to the H&I hooked up with central office figure out how to keep open communication I'm pretty much turn.

Announcement for Group Consciences Needed: *Justin H*: Questions are area and business meetings open or closed? Hasn't been addressed. Want to create a pamphlet for the transgender alcoholic. Ask your group what they think.

- **Sample GSR report:** *Chelsea W, Alt DCMC*: Last month emailed I will continue to give sample GSR reports by email as well as the verbal example at the end of the meeting. Detroit 2020 online reg will be available sept 9th-april 14 \$115 USD per member after April 15th it will be \$140. Email for rooms :2020ic@aa.org. Something about online presence.