

District 06 (San Francisco) Minutes for General Service Business Meeting
Tuesday November 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 7:30pm with Serenity Prayer
- Justin H. reads the General Service Representative Preamble
- Reading of Tradition Eleven by Cameron McC.
- Reading of Concept Eleven by Kenna K. (*to a smattering of applause*)
- **Welcome new GSRs or DCMs:** Kenna K., There is a Solution. Brittney, Sister Circle. Cameron McC., Sesame Step. Jonathan LaB., Sobriety by the Bay. Kim W., Sobriety by the Bay.
- **DCM Introduction.** Beth S., DCM 375 evening meetings at 2900 Florida. Jackie B. DCM 270, Inner Sunset near the Gratitude Center. Steve R., 240 Cow Hollow and Pacific Heights. Chelsea W., alternate DCM for all other districts.
- **Welcome Visitors:** Micky L. Sobriety by the Bay. Matt G, Sobriety by the Bay.
- **Anniversaries:** Lizzy, 10 years. Paul B., 9 years.
- Last month minutes are accepted as submitted.

Financial Report – Beth S., district treasurer.

Some groups are sending their contributions to the wrong place! Make checks out and mail 7th Tradition Contributions to:

(include your group name and group # on the check)

Service Entity and Address	Marin Amount	SF Amount
Central Office 1821 Sacramento Street San Francisco, CA 94109-3528 (Payable to: Central Office)	50%	60%
General Service Office P.O. Box 459 Grand Central Station New York, NY 10163 (payable to: General Service Board)	30%	30%
Marin General Service District Marin General Service P.O. Box 9193 San Rafael, CA 94912-9193	5%	

San Francisco General Service District P.O. Box 421907 San Francisco, CA 94142-1907		5%
California Northern Coastal Area P.O. Box 884222 San Francisco, CA 94188-4222 Make payable to: CNCA (Local General Service Area Committee)	5%	5%
Marin Teleservice Committee P.O. Box 2458 San Rafael, CA 94912-2458	10%	
Hospital & Institution Committee P.O. Box 192490 San Francisco, CA 94119-2490 (payable to: NorCal H & I Committee) reference area number: Marin: Area 61; SF: Area 62	Monies collected in the pink cans	Monies collected in the pink cans

Source: <https://aasfmarin.org/contributions>

During the meeting it was discovered that the printout and financial emailing sent was incomplete.

We are about \$1,392.83 above our prudent reserve. We are in the black.

Budget [explained budget spreadsheet]. Bolded areas in the budget are proposed changes. Copying and mailing expenses have increased – past printing costs were donated by private individuals. \$250 printing/ mailing budget is being increased to \$500.

Events and Supplies / Event Refreshments. The total is the same but we are shifting funds from Refreshments due to Event Supplies. Budget for Unity Day last year was \$1,000. Actual expenses for Unity Day this year were \$1,500. Proposed budget for next year is \$1,500. PO Box cost is increasing \$16 over the previous year. Pacific Regional Forum is happening. \$617.48 previous spending. Proposed \$750 budget for next year for Vegas Forum.

Income is \$9,000. Expenses are \$9,500. This puts us \$527 in the hole with our proposed budget.

Q: District Committee members that go to the Area – are all 10 submitting reimbursements?

A: No, none have submitted reimbursements.

A: We are currently in the black so we may have funds leftover to cover the shortfall, but I do not know. This is my first year making an AA budget. This is the proposed budget. You have until next month to offer budget suggestions.

Q: Why was there a budget item for Individual Contributions for 2016-2018 but not for 2019? A: I didn't realize that some of the checks that come in to the PO Box that don't have group names/numbers, some of them may be private contributions and not from a group. I haven't been separating these out.

Q: Do you think the same amount of money will be coming in at the same rate in 2019? A: I can look at historical data and see.

With Gratitude Month this month it's likely we'll bring in more group contributions and we will not have a shortfall. [It was noted that Gratitude Month is for Intergroup, but during Gratitude Month more money comes in overall.]

Suggestion: I was able to get bank fees waived for my meeting with a bit of trying for the bank. A: The

bank fees are mobile check deposits for \$3 a month and another was for \$16. Occasionally peoples checks bounce and we have to absorb the cost of that. Asking for fees waived is a very good suggestion.

Comment: If your group is not on the contribution list but you know the treasurer has been mailing the check, maybe they're sending it to the wrong place! Check the address (in these minutes or online) to verify.

Email or call me, if you have recommendations or thoughts on the budget.

Summary of Service Manual Study. Jeff S. Chapter 11. The General Service Office in New York. Visitors are invited to take a guided tour and to attend the AA meeting that is every Friday at 11:00 a.m.

There's a helpful flowchart on page S-80 showing how everything works at the GSO in the Service Manual. Publishing is a bit part of GSO. There are only nine books. Alcoholics Anonymous, Dr Bob and the Good Oldtimers, Alcoholics Anonymous Comes of Age. "Pass it on," Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions, Daily Reflections, As Bill Sees It, Experience, Strength and Hope, and the newest book (the first new book in over 30 years), Our Great Responsibilities. Three booklets and a whole lot of pamphlets. There is also service literature, directories, reports, audio/visual materials, and more.

DCMC Report – Justin H.

I went to the Area. There was a fire. It was canceled and we had to leave.

Intergroup - Allison T. Financially we are at a rating of Excellent. However, that's contingent upon Gratitude Month in November every year – that the 2nd passing of the basket for funds directly to central office. Intergroup and Central Office – intergroup functions out of central office. Not a lot of groups do a 2nd passing of the basket for Gratitude Month.

The Faithful Fiver – it doesn't have to be five dollars, and it can be a group contribution instead of individual. Sign up and you don't have to think about it moving forward. We are looking for someone to head up a tech committee for Intergroup. The Point is now fully digital. We're working on figuring out how to consolidate mailings – The Buzz, The Point, Intergroup, etc. The head of the fellowship committee is putting together ideas for future safety workshop and for Founders Day.

The Safety Workshop at Unity Day was super incredible. I would like to see something around emergency preparedness, disaster, etc. If you have any other ideas for workshops you can let me know.

Website - Chelsea W. We have people who are able to do all of the website stuff. We have a large budget but we can cut that way down. We are meant to have a standing committee of 4-5 people at all times. Right now there's myself, 2 tech people and someone willing to come to the meetings.

Inventory – Justin H.

For the next 20-30 minutes we will talk about group and District inventory. We are going to set aside all of December's District meeting for a District Inventory.

Inventory discussion at individual tables – 20 minutes

Inventory Feedback

Lizzy – Q: Group was trying to figure scheduling, and they did it in place of the regular recovery meeting. Have others done it that way? A: Yes, we did it that way. [Others are chiming in they've done similar.] A: We heard from someone who did it during the regular meeting and added 30 minutes. A: They always take longer. A: I believe it goes against the group's primary purpose of "carry the message to the alcoholic who still suffers." A: having it as the regular meeting is more a 'meeting inventory' and not a group inventory. A group inventory is best served when officers and regular members who show up at the business meeting – and *have food there*.

What if you have a meeting of 40 people, but only 4 come to the inventory, has it ever come up? A: A group in my district did that and we set a separate time. Out of 60 people, 4 showed up. There was no value to it as a group inventory.

A: We have 40-50 people at our meeting. It took two business meetings to decide if we wanted a group inventory. We announced it for 6 weeks. 4 people showed up. We did the inventory and said at the next business meeting we would discuss results. More people attended the business meeting to hear the results. *It was helpful for us because of the follow-up and people wanted to hear it. Everyone ended up being pretty happy.*

A: One thing that may be helpful to attract people to the inventory is make a special announcement about a group inventory, or have the person facilitating the group inventory give a special announcement. Why is it important? Talk about the spiritual experience you've had from a group inventory. Really giving a heartfelt description of what a group inventory is and inviting questions – this helps. Attraction borderlining on promotion.

A: We did an inventory with a small turnout. The inventory was held at Central Office on a day other than the weekly meeting day. This negatively impacted turnout. We used technology to help pick a date, but it was difficult to travel across town due to a local event. Logistics made it difficult to get people there.

A: Difference between the group of people at the meeting and the group of people that show up at the group conscience. Maybe pass a basket during the meeting to have members write questions to discuss during the group inventory. Inviting feedback. A: Anything that gets feedback is great, but the meeting vs. the group, that's up to the group to figure out how to implement that. Follow-up is helpful – do the inventory and bring the results to the meeting for follow up. Doing it regularly helps get things cleared out (like a personal inventory).

A: My group voted to see if we wanted it, then a facilitator came to our meeting with a list of questions. Two months of business meetings we voted on which questions to have in the inventory. Out of 20 questions we did 5. Those 5 questions took an entire hour. The inventory was 6 months ago and we are now/still mindful of the things that came up during the discussion.

Justin H. – Invite people to the inventory! Submit questions to any District officers and we will consider including them in the District inventory.

Next month – inventory in this room!

Steve R. is turning over his Intergroup Liaison commitment – he’s been IGR for two years! [applause]

Steve – intergroup is once a month in SF. Four times a year the meeting is in Marin. You take information from the District to the Intergroup (and vice versa). We had a Safety Workshop and are involved in Unity Day. Intergroup is an important asset to General Service.

Allison T. is voted in as our next Intergroup Rep.

New Business

Latin American in AA Pamphlet - Rudy – There are similar pamphlets for the African American and Native American community that follow the same format – history of AA, intro to AA, then AA stories from people who are in that particular community. Approximately 3 stories from different Latin Americans with their experience getting sober in AA. It might be helpful if it’s in two languages. I couldn’t find any pamphlet for Latin American’s in AA. I don’t know if the Spanish speaking community has their own pamphlet. There are a lot of people that suffer from alcoholism. My father is Mexican and suffered from alcoholism and didn’t find any support.

Justin H. – this is new business that will be discussed at the District going forward.

Please discuss this with your group.

Area Assembly – Luke H. The Assembly area needed to be used as an evacuation site. The Assembly will be on the 24th of this month. We are expecting 300 people, but with the date change we have changed the expected of 350-400 to around 300.

Attending assemblies is part of the reason I’m here. It’s very exciting for me.

This is the first time in 6 years that an Area Assembly has been held in San Francisco.

Sobriety by the Bay – Kim. It’s at Grace Cathedral on January 10th – 12th. Big Name Speakers attending! A 4th step workshop. You can sign up online at SobrietyByTheBay.org. Registration is \$20 now, \$25 at the door. Last year we were able to donate over \$7,000 to intergroup in San Francisco.

We are trying to hit 600 meetings to carry this message. If you have suggestions for a great meeting to hit, let us know.

Discuss With Your Group - Assembly Topics

Should we allow non-alcoholics at the Area Assembly?

Should CNCA request a Spanish speaking LGBTQ pamphlet?

Are we being inclusive to the African American alcoholic?

Is there a need for a pamphlet geared toward the Latin American alcoholic?

Q: Can anyone in AA attend the assembly? A: Right now anyone can attend the Assembly.

Sample GSR Report – Chelsea W.

[Example GSR Report given. Am I a divisive member or am I an inclusive member of my group? We can discuss this at our group inventory!]

Meeting closed at 9:00.