

District 06 (San Francisco) Minutes for General Service Business Meeting
Tuesday December 8, 2020
Online Zoom Meeting

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 [REDACTED] reads a General Service Preamble
- Reading of Tradition Twelve by JB
- Reading of Concept Twelve by Steve
- **Welcome new GSRs or DCMs:** Tony A., Wharf Rats. David S. GSR, Eureka Valley Step Study Tuesday. George GSR They Don't Know Who We Are. Theo, GSR Women's Kitchen Table. Chris, Alt-GSR Wharf Rats on Thursday. Natalie, GSR Moonlight of the Spirit, 8:00 Monday night. Heidi, GSR 7-day-a-week Anything is Possible. Mon/Fri 5:00, Sat 11, Sun@1:00. Keith, GSR What It's Like Now, 6:00 PM Monday. Pat, No Regrets.

DCM Introduction. Hemanth, DCM for subdistrict 320 South of Market. Steve R [REDACTED] DCM for subdistrict 240 Pacific Heights / Cow Hollow. JB, incoming DCM. Beth S [REDACTED] subdistrict 375, evening meetings at 2900 Florida. Jackie B [REDACTED] DCM 270, Inner Sunset near the Gratitude Center. Chelsea W [REDACTED] alternate DCM for all other districts.

- **Welcome Visitors:** Dennis H. Area Treasurer.
- **Anniversaries:** Michael, 18 months. Kelley, 6 years. Justin, 9 years.

November minutes were accepted as submitted.

Financial Report

Beth, District Treasurer. Main takeaway, we're in the black. Fewer expenses than anticipated, but less income as well. Our total in vs. out showed expenses of over \$8k. There was a large reimbursement back to the area that was money we returned, not an actual deficit. Group contributions are all listed; please thank your groups.

Q: Joey, how do we find out our group number? A: Dirk, our Registrar, can help with that. You could also contact GSO in New York but touching base with Dirk would be easier. Dirk: Any new group in the last two years I may not have a number for, but check with me anyway. [Recording Secretary: starting January 2021 the new Registrar is Chuck F.]

Service Manual Study Concept 12

The entirety of what Jeff said was missed due to your faithful recording secretary being startled by the surprise visit of a mouse. Apologies. Though small with cute whiskers, I knew it was secretly quite fierce.
– Chuck

Intergroup Liaison

Steve. Intergroup board accepted the bequest of \$140,000 and another six-figure request is in the works, but it is on hold. There's another group of individuals who are making their thoughts known asking that the issue be revisited from the beginning asking that a 2/3rds vote be taken. A definite date from the estate on when the money could be returned is being gathered. Some believe that this is a violation of AA Traditions and that this is more than the \$10,000 maximum that AA is allowed to accept.

More information can be found here: <https://aasfmarin.org/special-projects-fund>

Elections Begin

A modified 3rd Legacy procedure will be used. (pages s21-22 in your Service Manual) meaning we elect by a 2/3rds majority. If no majority is achieved after several rounds of voting a name is chosen out of the hat. Anyone who is attending this meeting and is a member of AA is eligible for the positions being voted on tonight.

Treasurer [Riaz Elected]

Round 1. Riaz 32, Stephen 9.

Registrar [Chuck]

"Standing ovation. It was unanimous!" -Jackie

DCM

Text Joey [REDACTED] to become a DCM for your physical district.

There will be a new DCM workshop in January if you'd like to learn more about what it entails.

Event Chair [JB]

"And the crowd went wild!"

Mail Coordinator [none]

"..."

Concept Study Group [Kelley C.]

"A unanimous decision!"

District 16 Liaison to our companion Spanish District [none]

"[cricket-sounds]"

H&I Liaison [Julie S.]

"We cheered, we swooned, we elected!"

Intergroup Liaison [Alison T.]

"Two More Years! Two More Years!"

PI/CPC Liaison [Rudy]

"Woo-hoo!!!"

Special Presentation New Business

Bid to co-produce the monthly CNCA Area Comments newsletter.

Jackie showed the newsletter titled, "CNCA Comments". Every two years a different district coordinates the creation and mailing. One aspect is using Microsoft Publisher or a similar program to create the .pdf with delegate and recording secretary reports and is usually the job of the Comments Chair that attends the committee meeting once a month. The 2nd aspect is the 'lick-and-stick' mailing party to stuff envelopes. This is normally done by one or two districts working together. Nobody has yet volunteered to do this for the area. One thing I enjoyed about Zoom was that it allowed San Francisco to mix with our Spanish-speaking groups. We had Spanish-speaking involvement at recent events.

Spanish-speakers have some cultural resistance to Zoom so many AAs are meeting in person and Spanish communities are hit pretty hard by COVID. It would be neat if our districts together worked to create the Area Comments. It would help unify the English and Spanish speakers.

We need one person, and the District needs to vote to approve this, that is competent with Microsoft Publisher and they're willing to spend 2-3 hours a month communicating with the Area officers and assembling the .pdf. Our District would be responsible for creating that .pdf. District 16 would be responsible for organizing the assembly party. The Lick-and-Stick party won't happen until it's safe for every single county in northern California to meet in person, so it's unlikely to happen until July/August. In half a year or so there will be the opportunity to come together once a month for 4-8 volunteers.

"Our District approves bidding with our Spanish speaking District 16 to be responsible for two years for producing the Area Comments." You would have to create a Spanish version as well but you would receive the translation.

Q: Do we vote on this motion before we see if someone is willing to do it? [Jackie asks the floor if anyone is willing to do this position. Dennis volunteered.]

Q: I know the Lick-and-Stick will not happen during the COVID shut down, but is there a physical copy being mailed now? A: Currently there is only one physical copy mailed. It is for one person who requires one.

Motion: Do we want to support a bid, or No, we do not wish to support this bid. VOTE PASSED YES.

In Favor 27

Against 1

Abstain 4

Minority Opinion did not choose to speak.

December 19th is the Regional Forum! Service-minded AAs talk about all kinds of service for the Western Region of the United States and Canada.

AA Virtual Western Regional Forum (12/19) Registration is Open (and free)!

https://www.aa.org/pages/en_us/regional-and-local-forums

Pass It On's.

If you are taking on a position and want to get in touch with the previous/outgoing person in that position, contact me, Chelsea, Jackie, or email and we will get you in touch with the right person. Next Week is scheduled from 4-5 on Tuesday the 15th.

What's On Your Mind?

JB – A big “thank you” to panel 69 and I look forward to panel 71.

Julie – This bequest contribution has been on my mind. How does general service play into this whole bequest situation? I know it's the end of our meeting but I'm curious about that.

A: General Service Reps, groups, ask us to run meetings and gather informed group consciences. The GSRs role is to gather the group conscience.

Johnathan – Should I be bringing info on the bequest to my group and asking what they think? A: I recommend coordinating with your intergroup rep. Read up on The Buzz at aasfmarin.org and read up on the information there.

Meeting ended at 9:01 pm with the Responsibility Statement.