

MINUTES

District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 / 7:30 – 9:00pm

Zoom ID: 840-2738-0768 PW: 1935

Opening of Meeting

- Serenity Prayer
- “Why Do We Need a Conference?” by Bernard Smith – read by Sunil K.
- Tradition 2 and Concept 2 – read by Tim and Gabriella M.

• New GSRs

- Sara N. (There Is A Solution)
- Douglas R. (Each Day A New Beginning – Davies)
- Jeff W. (Any Lengths)
- Holly Mch. (Reality Farm)
- Tom D. (Each Day A New Beginning)
- Larissa W. (OADW, Living Sober)
- Lisa P. (Buena Vista Breakfast Club)
- Suzanne K. (Serenity Seekers)
- Rafay (Cow Hollow Young People)

• Visitors

- Kim S., SF
- Miguel H., CNCA Chair
- Hemanth S., SF
- Teddy BW, Past Delegate
- Fermin R., DCMC for Spanish Central District 16

• Birthdays

- Gabriella M. celebrated 8 years
- Michael P. celebrated 18 years
- Paul R. celebrated 25 years
- Beth S. celebrated 21 years
- Douglas R. celebrated 5 years
- Jill G. celebrated 12 years

• Service Sponsorship statement

- DCMs
 - Dennis H., DCM Sub-District 320
 - JB, DCM Sub-district225
 - Jill G., DCM Sub-district 270

- Approval of Prior Month’s Minutes – APPROVED, only need to correct “agenda” to “minutes” at the top

Officer Reports:

Chair (Jackie)

- On-going cooperation with Spanish Central District 16
 - Emergency ENG-ESP sharing session called by Maury P. on 1/27
 - Housekeeping motion to co-host the Agenda Topics Workshop
- Area Meeting covering some old business including
- Final Agenda topics are available now!
- Encouraged to attend Agenda Topics Workshop
- GSO request for GSR to watch the Big Book video and provide feedback, so we are co-hosting a Town Hall with IFAA Intergroup so IGRs can help

Alt-Chair (Joey)

- Feb 15: Background on final Agenda topics available
- Mar 1: Agenda topic summaries available
- Mar 5-7: PRAASA (Pacific Region of AA Service Assembly)
- Mar 13: Agenda Topics Workshop
- Mar 18: Town Hall on “Future of our Big Book” 7-9pm
- April 3-4: Pre-Conference Assembly

Treasurer (Riaz)

- We received \$935.51 for January 2021 contributions, slightly down to January 2020 contributions
- Ways to allow groups to do electronic contributions – Riaz is still doing research and getting information from others – we will discuss at an upcoming meeting

Events (JB)

- SAVE THE DATE: March 13th from 10am-1pm is the Agenda Topics Workshop → this is a great way to learn how to take a group conscience!

Literature (Beth)

- Reiterating the Town Hall about “The Future of our Big Book”

- New book: A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous can be ordered at <https://onlineliterature.aa.org/A-Visual-History-of-AA>
- AAWS has been working on enhancing their e-book and audiobook distribution
- Rafay asked if we could make the Newcomer Packet electronic so it wasn't using so much paper. Jackie confirmed that both the Newcomer Packet and New GSR Packets are available electronically now!

Service Manual Study (Kelley C.)

- All are invited to join! They talked about Chapter 2 this week (The Group and Its GSR) and GSR qualifications, including listening to all points of view. Next month will be about Chapter 3.

7th Tradition – Self support statement read by Tom D.

Visiting District Officer:

- Fermin R., Chair of Spanish Central District 16
 - Shared about how District 6 and Spanish Central District 16 are working together – this is exciting because we can reach more alcoholics this way and provide additional resources/opportunities for folks in both districts
 - 6 GSRs within District 16, but working on getting more

Presentation:

- Beth S., Literature Representative – “What is PRAASA?”
 - Provides greater unity among members, groups, and Areas of the Pacific region
 - Encourage the sharing of ideas and experiences
 - When PRAASA happens in person, our District offers a scholarship for 1-2 members to attend
 - With PRAASA happening virtually this year, we are still offering scholarships but for more folks given the reduced cost!
 - If you have any questions, you can contact Beth, Jackie, or Joey!

Elections for Open Service Positions/Scholarships

- District 16 Spanish Central Liaison
 - Jackie put the qualifications and responsibilities in the chat – must be fluent in English and Spanish

- No one was available at this time, so asked GSRs to put the word out to their groups for any interested bilingual members
- PRAASA Scholarships
 - We are able to fund more registrations this year than usual since it is virtual, so any interested GSRs or alcoholics-at-large should contact an Officer if they are interested in applying for a scholarship

Visiting Area Officer:

- Miguel H., Area Chair – “71st Conference Agenda Topics”
 - He acknowledged that it can sound a little overwhelming, but that is normal. 😊
 - Agenda topics can come from individuals, groups, Districts, and Areas from around the country before making their way up to GSO to potentially make it on to the final Agenda topics list
 - Suggested to have a service sponsor to help take you through the Agenda topics – you don’t have to read through EVERYTHING, but a service sponsor can help you understand what to go through so that you can effectively carry out a Group Conscience
 - Also suggested creating a flyer to get your group excited to talk about 1-2 “hot” Agenda topics – the background materials we get in March will help prepare you for this, as will the Agenda Topics Workshop
 - When you take a Group Conscience, bring 2-5 topics to the group to discuss and take a conscience on.
 - Jackie asked how many topics a group usually discusses. Miguel said 3-5 is average, but if your group allows for longer discussion, GO FOR IT!

Poll:

- Which Agenda Topic should our District take a Group Conscience on?
 - We reviewed a few different (real) topics to take a group conscience on:
 - Updating the pamphlet “AA and the Black and African-American Alcoholic” – this was the winner of our poll, so we will take a group conscience on this
 - Sunil asked if we could go over the timeline for GSR action steps again; Jackie showed this again on the screen and encouraged attending the Agenda Topics Workshop. She also encouraged holding the Group Conscience between March 13-April 2 so that you can use info from Agenda

Topics Workshop to help, but also get your group conscience in time before the Pre-Conference Assembly.

- Dennis shared that the summaries and their translations will likely not be available until PRAASA weekend, not March 1st as stated on the timeline

Housekeeping motions:

- That District 06 co-host a bilingual Agenda Topics Workshop with San Mateo District 05, Spanish Central District 16 and Spanish South District 17 on Saturday, March 13, 2021
 - The cost of splitting interpretation fees would be \$90
 - There were no objections so the motion passes

Old Business: None

Presentation of new business:

- That District 16 Spanish Central be granted a webpage in Spanish on the www.sfgeneralservice.org website, to include information about their District Meeting and Officer Contacts.
 - There is no financial obligation to us for providing that webpage
 - This will become “old business” at next month’s meeting. It is up to each GSR on how to best gather feedback from their group and then bring it to next month’s meeting.
 - David S. asked if it was appropriate to announce this topic during group announcements and tell folks that they can contact you if they have an opinion. Joey confirmed that this is ok!

Liaison Reports:

Hospitals & Institutions (Julie S.)

- Attended her first H&I meeting as liaison. Encourage your groups to have an H&I rep, even though many of the H&I meetings are not currently in-person. Zoom meetings with an AA sponsor is now a possibility for folks incarcerated at San Quentin.

Intergroup (Alison T.)

- Not available tonight, but Jackie screenshared Alison’s submitted report
- Information about court cards
- Digital newcomer packet

Public Relations (Rudy S.)

- Seeking more volunteers to be involved with the Public Relations committee – they meet 1st Monday of the month
- Did a presentation to UCSF medical students and showed a video
- Trying to find a way to reach alcoholics who are re-entering the community
- Working on a pamphlet explaining what AA is for those working with and those within the unhoused community

Bridging the Gap (Phil S.)

- Similar situation as H&I and PR due to lockdown, but still meeting to be prepared for when things do open up
- Hoping to connect w/ Rudy about working with formerly incarcerated alcoholics

Golden Gate Young People in AA (Leanna)

- Still hosting events over Zoom
- Business meeting coming up this Sunday 2/14

What's on your mind?

- Vanessa H. shared that Intergroup voted to return the bequest to the estate on 2/3
- Jill G. brought up that her group wanted to make a contribution to H&I but don't seem to be able to.
 - Julie put the NorCal H&I Contribution link in the chat.
- Paul R. asked about the digital newcomer packet – will newcomers be able to just log on and download it or will they have to pay a cost? Also he was excited about the idea of moving all entity contributions to an electronic platform.
 - Jackie clarified that newcomers can download the packet from the aasfmarin.org site so there is no cost but they would have to print it out themselves if they want a hard copy
- Chuck (our registrar) shared that registration is now available online!

Closing with the Responsibility Statement

I am responsible, when anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of AA always to be there, and for that I am responsible.