

MINUTES

District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

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

Zoom ID: 840-2738-0768 PW: 1935

Opening of Meeting:

- Serenity Prayer
- “General Warranties of the General Service Conference” – read by Jeff
- Tradition 3 and Concept 3 – read by Gabriella and Dominic

- New GSRs
 - Alexander D., Saturday Night Live Gratitude
 - Beth S., Alt for Too Early (Saturday)
 - Claire C., Alt Sometimes Slowly
 - Yanz, Daily 9am Away Out
 - Ken H., Castro Gay Men’s Stag
 - Evan K., Sunday Step Talk
- Visitors
 - Richard W., Panel 71 Grapevine/La Vina Chair
 - Teddy BW, previous delegate for Panel 69
 - Tony W., District 90 Archivist
 - Chelsea W., member-at-large
- Birthdays
 - Brad K, 14 years
 - Elisa P, 2 years
 - Michael P, 18 years

- Service Sponsorship statement

- DCMs
 - JB, DCM 225 Subdistrict
 - Riaz A., DCM 250 Subdistrict
 - Jill G., DCM 270 Subdistrict
 - Vanessa H., DCM 310 Subdistrict
 - Hemanth S., DCM 315 Subdistrict

- Dennis H., DCM 320 Subdistrict
 - Joey H., Alt-Chair and covers any meetings not in the above subdistricts
- Approval of Prior Month's Minutes – APPROVED

Officer Reports:

Chair (Jackie)

- Last weekend's PRAASA (audio and transcripts available); JB will share more next month
- District Agenda Topics Workshop is this Saturday for GSRs, we are co-hosting with 3 other districts
- Town Hall on Big Book presented by Intergroup is on Thursday, March 18; will cover the different accessibility issues and different proposals that have come up recently regarding the Big Book. All are welcome to attend!
- Deadline to collect group consciences is April 2nd (if plan to attend virtual pre-conference assembly) or April 8th (if emailing your group conscience to delegate)
- How to Collect a Group Conscience packet is included in tonight's meeting materials
- At Area level, there is a committee meeting on 3/27 that we are able to attend. There is a topic of new business about a potential future agenda topic of creating a graphic novel that depicts the first 164 pages of the Big Book.
- AAWS Highlights:
 - There was a small surplus at the end of fiscal 2020.
 - Reserve Fund is enough to cover almost 8 months' operating expenses.
 - 2020 contributions were an all-time high.

Alt-Chair (Joey)

- Mar 13: Agenda Topics Workshop
- Mar 18: Town Hall on Big Book
- Apr 2: Deadline to gather group conscience
- Apr 3-4: Virtual Pre-Conference Assembly
- Apr 8: Deadline to email group consciences to delegate
- May 15: Delegate report post-conference assembly

Treasurer (Riaz)

- Collected \$358 in February, includes contributions in virtual 7th tradition from Feb GSR meeting (\$111.00)
 - Collection was down about \$150 from Feb 2020
 - Riaz showed how he takes contributions from Venmo and writes a check to the District bank account

Literature (Beth)

- Final report from World Service Meeting is available at aa.org
- Enhanced e-book distribution
- Free audio versions of Big Book, 12x12, and Living Sober on aa.org now!
- Limited Edition publication: A Visual History of Alcoholics Anonymous (<https://aahmbny.org/?s=visual+history%27>)
- If you are making literature purchases and can pick up at SF Central Office, they offer curbside pickup and you save on shipping!

Events (JB)

- Agenda Topics Workshop this Saturday from 10am-1pm!
- Don asked if the workshop would be recorded for those who can't attend; Jackie confirmed it would be recorded and would be sent out to this group via the Google group

Service Manual Study (Kelley)

- All are invited to join before each month's GSR meeting. This month they talked about Chapter 3 and what a DCM is. Next month will be Chapter 4.

7th Tradition – Self support statement read by George

Presentation:

- Tony W., District 90 Archivist
 - Mission statement of District 90 Archives
 - Tony enjoys working with the history and he shared how much has changed and how much has not changed
 - Archives can give historical context when situations come up in AA
 - Flashed photos of his work area with books and Grapevines going back to the 50's

- Project he is working on: S.O.S. (Save Our Stories) -- he shared a video clip with us as an example
- Jackie asked what is difference between Intergroup Archivist and District Archivist
 - Tony answered that the District Archivist has a budget and puts together presentations
 - Alison chimed in that Intergroup Archivist is concerned with local history specifically
- Heidi asked if the digitized cassette tapes are available to members-at-large
 - Tony answered that these tapes are available for archival purposes only at this point in time, but they will be accessible in the future

Elections for Open Service Positions/Scholarships:

- District Archivist
 - **Responsibilities:** Attend monthly GSR meeting, encouraged to attend Area Archives Workdays, encouraged to attend Area Archives Committee meetings, sets up Archives displays at District functions with San Francisco, and collects/protects/catalogs District artifacts and materials for storage at CNCA Archives in Walnut Creek
 - Heidi raised her hand in interest and shared her qualifications. We took a vote of confidence and she was elected! (Yay!)

- District 16 Liaison
 - **Responsibilities:** Must be competency in English and Spanish, attends monthly GSR meeting, attend District 16 monthly meeting, informs District 06 of District 16 activity and vice versa
 - No one was available at this time and as this was 3rd month of no available people, we may begin looking into different solutions

Visiting Area Officer:

- Richard W., CNCA 06 Literature/Grapevine/La Vina Chair
 - Has held many past district-level positions
 - We have many hot topics on this year's agenda, especially topics concerning our literature
 - Shared in the chat a packet about how to collect a group conscience

- FYI that at the General Service Conference, our delegate is on the Trustees conference committee
- Important to get the Minority Opinion
- Try to reach out to members of your group if they can't attend your group conscience session to ensure as much of your group's voice is heard
- Keep it fun -- doesn't have to be stressful! It's gonna be ok!

Sharing Session About Collecting Group Conscience:

- We postponed the PRAASA recap and What's On Your Mind to allow time for this sharing session
- Gabriella's group wants to talk about all of the agenda topics, which is leaving her overwhelmed. She wants to know how folks suggest to handle that.
 - Richard suggested using a Google Drive so that the background information could be shared, folks could call out which topics they think are highest priority to discuss but also leave comments on other topics
 - Jackie reminded that there are several topics where they are not asking for input at the microphone so those may not be as high-priority for group level discussion.
- Joey said that he had good experience gathering group consciences; he picked the topics for the group to discuss but that was where his opinion stopped and then let the group discuss how they felt.
- David asked if the non-mic topics were the ones crossed out in red; Jackie confirmed yes.
- Vanessa shared that they did group conscience on Zoom last year during pandemic. Suggested having a separate notetaker for the group conscience while you as GSR moderate the discussion. Not as scary as it seems though!
- Brad shared that they did their group conscience over email last year during pandemic and that allowed folks time to think on it and respond. Also put in a plug that if you attend any "off-book" San Francisco AA meetings, make sure they know they can participate as well.
- Richard suggested doing a trial run for your group to understand how the process works and also suggested choosing a topic from Trustees heading since our delegate serves on that committee.

Poll:

- Should we continue the sharing session on raising the idea of a pamphlet on AA & Childhood Trauma during the April 2021 GSR meeting?
 - We took a vote and the simple majority said “no” for continuing the sharing session at the April meeting.

Housekeeping motions:

- Jackie asked if we could extend the meeting by 5 minutes to cover liaison reports; simple majority voted to extend the meeting to 9:05

Old Business (Not Discussed):

- 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 continue as “old business” at next month’s meeting as we were not able to get to it tonight.

Liaison Reports:

Bridging the Gap (Phil S.)

- Currently “re-opening” by re-establishing contacts with SF Sheriff’s dept of re-entry service and outreach with other SF-based institutions

H&I (Julie S.)

- 2 topics in agenda topics: Corrections Item B (creative ways to spread the word to confined alcoholics -- San Quentin program is an example)

Intergroup (Alison T.)

- Town Hall on Big Book hosted by Intergroup is Thursday, March 18
- The Point is now on Spotify
- Results of Central Office Survey are now available
- Sign up for The Buzz

PR Committee (Peter M.)

- Doing some work with the media to get word out about what AA can offer, especially during this pandemic time.
- Planning on an event (probably in May) about Diversity & Inclusion in AA

What's on your mind?

- Postponed for this month

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.