

APRIL 2021 MINUTES

District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, April 13, 2021 / 7:30 – 9:00pm

Zoom ID: 840-2738-0768 PW: 1935

Opening of Meeting:

- Serenity Prayer
- “Article 12 of the Conference Charter” – read by Chuck
- Tradition 4 and Concept 4 – read by JB and Juan

- New GSRs
 - Ralph, Down & Dirty at 7:30 (Wed)
 - Gratitude Mary, Monday 7am at 2900
 - Juan, AA Sunday Serenity/Be Still
 - Sara, Moonlight of the Spirit
 - Maggie, Down & Dirty at 7:30 (Tues)
 - Siobhan, 9am Women’s Daily

- Visitors
 - Vera F., visiting from Area 58
 - Claudia N., CNCA 06 Registrar
 - Teddy BW, previous delegate for Panel 69

- AA Birthdays
 - Anna V., 4 years
 - Leslie A., 5 years

- Service Sponsorship statement

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

- Dennis H., DCM 320 Subdistrict
 - Joey H., Alt-Chair and covers any meetings not in the above subdistricts
- Approval of Prior Month's Minutes – Need to correct the name of Yanz's group (A Way Out vs. Away Out), add Dominic (By the Book) to list of new GSRs, and amend the name of Ken's group (Sunday Morning Gay Men's Stag)

Officer Reports:

Chair (Jackie)

- Shared that our Panel 57 District Chair Jeff A. passed away recently; more to come on his memorial service
- Last month Area Committee Meeting passed a motion for CNCA to retain the services of a bookkeeper
- The next Area Committee Meeting will be on Saturday, April 24 (DCMs are voting members)
- Post-Conference Assembly is Saturday, May 15 from 8:30am-5pm
- Group consciences on area business due by May 15th:
 - That the Trustees Literature Committee develop a graphic novel or a series of graphic novels that depict the first 164 pages of the Big Book
 - Someone asked what is meant by a graphic novel so Jackie put an explanatory PDF in the chat
 - That AAWS publish a one-page summary of the Six Warranties
 - That CNCA requests a pamphlet entitled "Experience, Strength and Hope: AA for the Spanish-Speaking LGBTQ Alcoholic" be produced.
- AA Grapevine is seeking a paid position for publisher and non-trustee director for Corporate Board
- Opening for non-trustee director for AA World Services
- Opening for Class A (nonalcoholic) trustees

Alt-Chair (Joey)

- May 15: Delegate's report at post-conference assembly
- April To Do List:
 - Ask your group what it thinks about these Area motions during a group business meeting
 - Pamphlet for the Spanish speaking LGBTQ alcoholic
 - Material on the six warranties

- Graphic novel(s) of the first 164 pages of the Big Book
- If you cannot attend the 9am portion of the May 15th post-conference assembly, please email your group consciences to Jackie by May 12th.

Treasurer (Riaz)

- Riaz was unable to attend so Joey covered
- Collected \$1378.18 in March due to Treasurer turnover and depositing old checks
- No real expenses for March other than translator for Agenda Topics Workshop and website expenses
- Really high balance currently so we need to decide what to do with some of the excess -- give to CNCA?
- Thank your groups for contributing!

Literature (Beth)

- Beth was not feeling well, so Jackie covered
- Meeting Guide and What's New on the aa.org site
- Box 459 newsletter updated for Spring 2021
- Grapevine has put out a new book called Free on the Inside
- Sign language videos on the AAWS YouTube page
- Inside the Walls is another new piece of literature that has excerpts of letters from alcoholics in prison

Registrar (Chuck)

- Having to step down for personal reasons, so we will open to elections after Claudia's share

Events (JB)

- No announcements at this time

Service Manual Study (Kelley)

- All are invited to join before each month's GSR meeting at 6:45. This month they talked about Chapter 4 and sharing sessions and archives and how the assembly is a vital part of AA's structure. We will read Chapter 5 next month and if anyone is reading these notes all the way through, I will send 5 dollars to the first person who emails vanarama@gmail.com and calls out

this Easter egg. You must email BEFORE the May GSR meeting though as it would be too difficult to do in the meeting -- Officers cannot participate as you get an extra amount of time.

Commentary/Commentarios (Dennis)

- Need help with a couple things -- would love to have someone help with proofreading (must be able to read both English and Spanish) and have someone help with Microsoft Publisher. Any interested folks should contact Jackie or Dennis.

7th Tradition – Self support statement read by Joey

Assembly Report:

- Pre-conference assembly was held April 3 and 4, 2021
- Assembly had 350 attendees on Saturday and 250 attendees on Sunday
- Area business meeting was held in the morning and the assembly passed a motion that CNCA request an AAWS pamphlet entitled “Experience, Strength, and Hope: AA for the Transgender Alcoholic” be produced. Vote: 166 in favor/5 against/13 abstentions.
- The delegate (Jennifer) will be writing a letter to the Board requesting this pamphlet be added as a future Agenda item

Polling

- We ran a poll around how GSRs collected and shared their group consciences. Some members shared their experiences while responses were collected.

Presentation -- Vera F.

- Vera F. (Area 58) shared about the General Service Conference
- Used to be a weeklong business meeting in New York City; happening virtually this year as it did last year due to pandemic
- Makeup of conference attendees is mostly delegates but also include board members, Class A trustees, etc.
- Things that happen on the floor: Conference Committee Reports, Recommendations, Considerations, Floor Actions

- Vera shared a video showing the floor of the in-person 69th Annual General Service Conference and explained what happened and where (**Secretary's note: this video was dope and my notes won't do it justice**)

Visiting Area Officer -- Claudia N.

- Job description of the open registrar position was shared so folks could think about putting their name in the hat for 3rd legacy vote
- Claudia N. shared experience of serving as previous district registrar and current area registrar
- Jackie then put out the ask if anyone was available to serve as registrar
 - Dominic raised his hand and shared his service experience and meeting requirements
 - No other candidates were named so we held a vote of confidence and Dominic was voted as our new registrar

New Business:

- That District 06 and 16 share a Zoom account for the remainder of Panel 71 and upgrade to allow for simultaneous language interpretations. District 06 and 16 will split the cost of the Zoom account equally at the cost of \$27.50 per month (that is the cost per district per month).
 - There was a clarification of the cost per district each month which is reflected above.
 - JB asked if we could vote on it this month but we do need to wait and possibly fast track for voting next month

Old Business

- Postponed for this month

Liaison Reports:

Bridging the Gap (Phil S.)

- Still here but still slow with COVID. Talking to Corrections, but more to come.

Intergroup (Alison T.)

- Budget for 2021 was confirmed and signed off for rest of the year
- Looking for a new Treasurer and some spots on the Board

- Financial rating was Good -- had been Excellent for a long time so make sure your groups are making their contributions in a timely manner

PR Committee (Rudy)

- Getting some radio spots out there and continuing to get other media spots
- Working on an easier way to get court cards signed

GGYPAA (Leanna)

- Have monthly business meeting and all are encouraged to come

H&I (Julie S.)

- Group contributions are down 80% -- YIKES!
- Treasurers can make group contributions at handinorcal.org
- Encourage groups to have an H&I representative
- Inside Visitation Sponsorship Service

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.