

MAY 2021 MINUTES

District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2021 / 7:30 – 9:00pm

Zoom ID: 840-2738-0768 PW: 1935

Opening of Meeting:

- Serenity Prayer
- Excerpt from Concept 12 in AA Service Manual -- read by Yanz
- Tradition 5 and Concept 5 – read by JB and Kim

- New GSRs
 - Kim S, Castro Monday Night Big Book
 - Brianna P, Thursdays Are Lit
 - Walter L, Valencia Smokefree
 - Cal A, Cow Hollow Young People
 - John T, Too Early (Sun)

- Visitors
 - Chitra S, Area Treasurer

- AA Birthdays
 - Dennis, 25 years
 - Vince, 11 years
 - Jimmy, 3 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 – No one caught the “easter egg” in the April minutes, but otherwise no one objected to the minutes so they were approved

Officer Reports:

Chair (Jackie B)

- We now have a District 16 liaison, Martha
- Cooperating with SF Intergroup for Founder's Day event on June 12
- Cooperating with AASF-Marin to relaunch the Accessibilities committee -- makes our meetings more accessible to all (language, visual, etc.)
- Celebration of Life for Jeff has been planned
- We will be electing a new alt-chair as Joey is stepping down
- Area Committee voted on motions and the one that passed was to give extra protection to our website (it had previously been hacked) and next ACM is on May 22nd
- Post-Conference Assembly happening this Saturday, May 15 -- there will be a business meeting in the morning and delegate's report from the General Service Conference in the afternoon
- 71st General Service Conference happened -- we will get more info from delegate but some of the highlights include:
 - A 5th edition of the Big Book will begin development with a new foreword, updates to appendices, etc. but no change to 1st 164 pages
 - Accessible version of the 4th edition of the Big Book in plain language will begin development
 - Terms “opposite sex” and “lustful enough to rape” will be removed from 12x12 and replaced
 - Updated versions of the pamphlets “For The Black & African-American Alcoholic” and “For the Native North American Alcoholic” - new stories and new titles
 - New pamphlet for mental health professionals
 - Recognition of online groups
 - PSA with actors portraying alcoholics approved
 - Podcast approved
 - Instagram account for Grapevine/La Vina approved

Alt-Chair (Joey H)

- 5 new GSRs at orientation
- Post Conference Assembly this Saturday
- SF Founder's Day on June 12 with Intergroup
- Summer Assembly on August 7th -- this will be virtual
- Expressed gratitude for being able to serve as Alt-Chair
- In May, ask your group what it thinks about the Area motions that being voted on at the Post Conference Assembly

Treasurer (Riaz A)

- Check your group and make sure their contribution amounts listed are correct
- We have more than our prudent reserve and looking to see how much over budget we are so we can distribute the excess funds -- currently have over \$9K in our funds

Literature (Beth S)

- Sharing From Behind the Walls and Free on the Inside are new pieces of literature written by AA's who are incarcerated
- AAWS has reduced shipping charges right now, but also support your local Central Office
- Sign language videos of Big Book and 12x12 on YouTube
- May's Grapevine theme is 12 Steps

Service Manual Study (Alison T subbing for Kelley C)

- Read chapter 5 about the Area Committee, Chitra shared some insight during the discussion
- Meet every month at 6:45 before the GSR meeting for reading and discussion
- Reading chapter 6 about the delegates next month

7th Tradition – Self support statement and Venmo info shared on screen

Election

- Election of new alt-chair via $\frac{2}{3}$ majority using 3rd Legacy procedure
- Joey read the job description and gave some insight on what the role entails

- Jackie explained what 3rd Legacy procedure looks like
- The following members raised their hands as being available to serve and shared their experience
 - John T
 - Tony A
 - JB
- A poll was put up on screen with a reminder of who is allowed to vote (GSRs, DCMs, District Officers, and elected liaisons)
- First ballot: John - 8 votes, Tony - 20 votes, JB - 13 votes so no one reached $\frac{2}{3}$ majority and another poll was launched
- Second ballot: John - 5 votes, Tony - 25 votes, JB - 10 votes so still no $\frac{2}{3}$ majority but now only voting between Tony and JB
- Third ballot: Tony received $\frac{2}{3}$ majority and will be our new Alt-Chair
- Thanks to all who offered to be of service!

Presentation of New Business

- Dennis H presented a motion that the Area Newsletters (CNCA Comments/Comentarios) will be delivered either electronically or via US mail to all eligible recipients. If new recipients do not specify that they wish to receive a hard copy via mail it will be assumed that they wish to receive it electronically. The recipient can change the delivery method at any time.
 - Joe W. asked is there an option to opt-out altogether and Dennis said there is but it can take some time
 - Reminder to update your mailing address through the Registrar
- Riaz A and Dennis H presented a motion that the District adopt the payment platform Stripe as a plugin on our existing WordPress-powered website www.sfgeneralservice.org in order to accept online contributions from AA groups and AA members. The cost of Stripe per successful credit card charge is 2.9% + 30¢.

Old Business

- We need to table one of the pieces of old business as District 16 was still voting on it
- We are tonight voting on whether 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

- Vanessa shared being surprised that something like this doesn't already exist but in favor of anything that makes information more accessible
- John T. said in his experience, Spanish-speaking groups tend to be very involved so we should make information accessible
- Gabriella was wondering how District 16 gets information out currently -- no one at the meeting was sure but if it increases engagement, she would be in favor
- First we voted on how to vote: simple majority or substantial unanimity
 - We decided to do simple majority vote
- The vote on the motion received 28 in favor votes, 0 against votes, and 5 abstain votes so the motion passed!

Liaison Reports:

Intergroup (Alison T)

- Town Hall on May 20 regarding going back to in-person meetings
- SF Founder's Day may be virtual or in person, not sure
- Marin Founder's Day is an in person BBQ
- Back to "Excellent" financial rating

What's on your mind?

- Jackie shared the information about Jeff O's Celebration of Life
- John shared that we've been able to accomplish a lot via Zoom meetings so it would be a shame to walk away from it entirely. Hybrid formats may be best for efficiency, savings, and accessibility
- Gabriella wanted to shout out the officers about feeling very connected to GSR and making it easy to bring info back to groups
- Michael asked if it was ok to share the Town Hall info and it was confirmed that the Town Hall was open to all
- Tony thanked the group for the responsibility of Alt-Chair and asked if there were any meetings he should be added to
- One last big thanks to Joey!

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.