

JULY 2021 MINUTES

District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

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

Zoom ID: 840-2738-0768 PW: 1935

Opening of Meeting:

- Serenity Prayer
- Article 12 of the Conference Charter (also Concept 12) -- read by Brandon B.
- Tradition 7 and Concept 7 – read by Aidan Q. and Jamie M.

- New GSRs
 - Rafay M., Marin Young People Group Friday Nights (Jackie informed him that Marin is a separate district and they have a separate meeting so he is technically a visitor tonight)
 - Brandon B., Serenity Seekers
 - Aidan Q., There Is A Solution
 - Jamie M., Hill Dwellers Big Book Study Group
 - Mark R., Wharf Rats
 - Siobhan N., 9am Women's Daily Online

- Visitors
 - Drew B., Area Assembly Coordinator

- AA Birthdays
 - Jeff S., 7 years
 - Julie S., 10 years
 - Walter L., 6 years
 - Yanz C., 2 years
 - Jackie B., 15 years

- Service Sponsorship statement

- DCMs
 - JB B., 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
 - Tony A., Alt-Chair and covers any meetings not in the above subdistricts
- Approval of Prior Month's Minutes – approved

Officer Reports

- (Chair) Jackie B. reported that the district has quite a bit of money above our prudent reserve, so we will be hearing and voting on motions soon about how to put those funds to use
- Last month, Area Committee Meeting (ACM) voted on motions that:
 - CNCA fund one member of the Area Archives committee to attend the 2021 National AA Archives Workshop to be held in San Antonio, TX, at a cost not to exceed \$1300 [PASSED]
 - CNCA fund one member of the Area BTG committee to attend the 2021 National BTG Workshop to be held in Rock Island, IL, at a cost not to exceed \$1350 [PASSED]
 - CNCA contract with an email list broker to contact a minimum of 50,000 professionals regarding information about AA and encourage attendance at two CPC events in September 2021 at the cost of \$12,500 [PASSED]
- Next ACM is Saturday, July 24 at 12:30pm. (DCM's are voting members). Motions to be discussed and possibly voted on:
 - That due to funds in our checking account currently exceeding established 7th Tradition needs of Area 06, CNCA is to disburse \$25,000 to the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous.
 - That CNCA fund the translation of the CNCA Discussion and Reports section of the Area Motions Book, at a cost of \$4,640.
- Upcoming summer assembly on Aug 7, 2021 -- GSRs who are voting members are encouraged to attend as we are voting on:
 - Creating a one-pager of the warranties
 - Creating a graphic novel, or series of graphic novels, of the first 164 pages of the Big Book

- GSO/AAWS/Board News:
 - 7/34 taking place on 7/31 -- this is a self-support campaign on contribution.aa.org to donate \$7.34 as that is the average cost per person per group
 - Two (2) new Class A (non-alcoholic) Trustees elected to the General Service Board, and a new Chairperson of the Board was elected.

- (Alt Chair) Tony A. also shared about the summer assembly and the \$7.34 campaign. He also shared the GSR July “to-dos”. If you can’t attend the 9am business meeting for the summer assembly, you can send your group consciences to Jackie or Tony before 8/7.

- (Treasurer) Riaz A. reiterated that we have around \$8K excess budget; groups have been very generous with their donations and because of Zoom, no one is paying rent. So we are looking to create an ad-hoc finance committee to brainstorm ideas of how we would like to distribute the excess funds and how we report the financials. Riaz will also be working with Dennis Hopkins to determine our exact excess amount down to the penny! He is concerned because he wants all members to feel comfortable that all contributions are being properly accounted for.

- (Literature) Beth S. shared about AA in your pocket aka the tiny versions of our literature are on sale in the online bookstore this summer!
- The AA preamble in the July Grapevine was updated per the changes made at this year’s General Service Conference
- You can now follow AA Grapevine and La Vina on Instagram!

- (Service Manual Study) Kelley C. stated the group discussed the annual conference meeting and next month will read/discuss Chapter 8

- No one from District 16
- (Bridging the Gap) Phil S. announced that BtG is actively looking for another co-chair! There are some challenges right now because they are trying to coordinate with Intergroup, H&I, and correction facilities as we move out of the pandemic restrictions. The new co-chair would receive a scholarship to attend the Bridging the Gap workshop in the fall. Elections for the Bridging the Gap co-chair will happen tonight.

- (Registrar) Dominic B. shared a recommendation from General Service that online groups can be listed with their preferred district; this supersedes the 1997

7th Tradition -- Venmo was shared on screen

Elections for Open Service Positions

- Bridging the Gap Co-Chair: It is a 2 year position and responsibilities were shared on the screen (including facilitating the monthly BtG meeting, attending the monthly GSR meeting and sharing officer report, etc.)
 - Vince B. asked if the co-chair would have to go to the correctional facilities; Phil said they would not. As such, Vince made himself available for the position. He listed his qualifications as having 11 years sober, 3 years as a GSR.
 - Jill G. said she would be available as well. She listed her qualifications as just having finished the Policies & Procedures session and she has also been of service in AA for many years. She does need to run this by a person outside of tonight's meeting, but she wanted to make herself available.
 - 34 members voted and Vince was elected as our co-chair of Bridging the Gap (29 votes).

Presentation about Hybrid Meeting Considerations by Drew B.

- What to consider: Health & Safety, Facilities & Rent, Accessibility, Technology Availability, Meeting Format
 - Health & Safety: We're doing pretty well on vaccination rates here in SF, but we want to keep an eye on things.
 - Facilities & Rent: What are the requirements of the building where they're meeting (capacity, sanitizing, food, etc.) and also is hybrid format cost-prohibitive?
 - Accessibility: Online or hybrid allows members who wouldn't normally be able to attend to come, but online format also was not for or accessible to everyone. Also language and interpretation features were possible online.
 - Technology: Do we have the hardware and software?

- Meeting Format: Having a podium style meeting where there is one spot for mic and camera that in-person attendees would go up to would make the meeting heard and seen for all attendees regardless of how they're in the meeting

Breakout Rooms to discuss future meeting options -- we did this for about 5 minutes and the DCMs will bring back notes from the breakout rooms to the Officers meeting

Housekeeping Motions

- That the District fund our new BtG Co-Chair to attend the 30th Annual Bridging the Gap Workshop to be held September 10 to 12, 2021, in Rock Island, IL, at a cost not to exceed \$1350. This would be funded from the district's excess funds as a one-time expenditure.
 - Vince asked when it is; Jackie answered it will be Sept 10-12 in Rock Island, IL and is optional.
 - There were no objections so the motion passed.
- That the District fund our Archivist (Heidi H.) to attend the 24th National Alcoholics Anonymous Archives Workshop to be held September 30 to October 3, 2021, in San Antonio, TX, at a cost not to exceed \$1300. This is to be funded from the district's excess funds as a one-time expenditure.
 - There were no objections, so the motion was passed.

Old Business

- That the Area's 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. A district may also request that the default for their district remain US mail. The recipient can change their delivery method at any time. For the purpose of transition, a one-time canvas will be done of all current recipients to determine their preferred method of distribution. If no response is received, current recipients will continue to receive the Comments or Comentarios via US Mail.
 - Dennis reminded the group that the Area spends roughly \$9,400/year on printing and mailing and uses over 5,000 pieces of paper to mail this out.

- Julie S. shared that she is happy to not receive any more mail and so she would be happy to receive it electronically.
- JB asked why the default for the one-time canvas was for mail and not email. Dennis clarified that the folks who would want the Comments/Commentarios by mail would not see an email so they wouldn't know to respond.
- We first voted on whether to vote by simple majority or substantial unanimity -- 38 folks voted and simple majority received 32 votes, substantial unanimity received 6 votes.
- We then voted on whether to pass the motion:
 - 37 folks voted: 31 in favor, 0 against, and 6 abstain
 - Motion passed!

- Tabled discussion on the Stripe motion

Liaison Reports

- (Intergroup) Alison T.
 - Reminder to submit in-person meeting changes and new listings on the web form at aasfmarin.org.
 - There are service opportunities with SF Teleservice, orientation is the 3rd Monday of the month at 6pm.
 - Printed meeting schedules are coming soon!
 - And as always, subscribe to The Buzz (and The Point! And if you see this BEFORE the meeting on Tuesday, August 10, you can email vanarama@gmail.com for \$5 sent to your Venmo!)

- (PR Committee) Rudy S.
 - The PR Committee is trying to do what they can -- when possible they try to have a table at events like Sunday Streets, community fairs, etc.
 - Currently working on a media outreach to local TV and radio stations.
 - They will participate in the Re-entry Conference and Resource Fair for folks who are leaving correctional facilities. This group meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm (6:30pm orientation).

- (GGYPAA) Anna V.

- Next meeting is Sunday, August 8 (2nd Sunday of the month) at noon.
- They are looking for meetings that identify as women's meetings AND young people's meetings so we can better serve those alcoholics.

- (H&I) Julie S.
 - Nothing to report!

What's on your mind?

- Alison T. asked Tony about the business meeting for the summer assembly and specifically about the warranties one-pager. She isn't sure how to bring that topic up for group discussion as it's complicated and most folks aren't even aware of the warranties. Michael P. confirmed that he included the background materials around this motion in the monthly packet, so that can help.
- We also have the right of decision, as GSRs, if we want to bring these topics for discussion with our groups so they're not mandatory.
- Jackie shared that what is on her mind is that she loves us all.

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.