

AUGUST 2021 MINUTES

District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, August 10, 2021 / 7:30 – 9:00pm

Zoom ID: 840-2738-0768 PW: 1935

FYI, no Easter Egg this month...unless you count this callout, which is very meta but has no prize for finding.

Opening of Meeting:

- Serenity Prayer
- Article 12 of the Conference Charter (also Concept 12) -- read by JB
- Tradition 8 and Concept 8 – read by Alicia R. and Tony A.

- New GSRs
 - Alicia R., GSR Friendly Circle
 - Sunil K., GSR Sometimes Slowly

- Visitors
 - Jacqueline P, Marin DCMC
 - Eric L., Alternate Delegate CNCA 06

- AA Birthdays
 - Yanz C., 2 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
 - Tony A., Alt-Chair, covers any meetings not in the above subdistricts

- Approval of Prior Month's Minutes – Easter Egg was not found, but minutes were approved

Officer Reports

- (Chair) Jackie B. reported:
 - We need GSR and DCM volunteers for an ad-hoc temporary Finance committee.
 - Planning will begin soon for our District and Area inventories. District inventory will be held during our regular meetings in Oct and Nov; email Jackie questions you would like to be included.
 - Note that the SF Dept of Public Health has updated the mask ordinance so everyone, regardless of vaccination status, must wear a mask inside.
 - A web form is now available on www.cnca06.org to submit Conference agenda items directly to the General Service Board. Deadline for 72nd Conference is Sep 15, 2021.
 - Last month, Area Committee Meeting (ACM) voted on a motion that due to funds in [Area] checking account currently exceeding established 7th Tradition needs of Area 06, CNCA is to disburse \$25,000 to the General Service Board of A.A. [PASSED]
 - Next ACM is Saturday, Aug 28, 2021. Motion to be discussed and possibly voted on: That CNCA fund the translation of the CNCA Discussion and Reports section of the Area Motions Book, at a cost of \$4,640.
 - GSO's 2021 Finances are good thanks to individual and group contributions and strong income sales.
 - Updated 2021-2022 Service Manual will be available in November.
 - Revised 12x12 with the Conference approved changes will appear first in the English soft cover and be available most likely in August. AAWS has to go through backstock first.

- (Alt Chair) Tony A. reported:
 - Mid-August GSRs will receive the Conference Report to share with their group members
 - October will be Unity Day (either 9th or 16th)
 - Saturday, November 6 will be Fall Inventory Assembly
 - To-Do List:

- Share relevant information from the Conference Report that is of interest to your group. Make the Conference Report available to your group members.
 - Ask your group if they are interested in sponsoring a Grapevine subscription to someone in need www.aagrapevine.org/2021-carry-message-project
 - Is your group interested in a Group Inventory?
 - Send questions you'd like included in our District and/or Area Inventory to chair@sfgeneralservice.org

- (Treasurer) Riaz A. reported:
 - During the month of July we had over \$600 in contributions.
 - Our current balance is \$12,094.05 (well above prudent reserve) so this is part of why we are putting together the ad hoc Finance committee to figure out what to do with the excess funds and also streamline our bookkeeping.

- (Registrar) Dominic B. was not available, so no report but his slides contained the following info:
 - Registered new GSR's for four groups:
 - Women's There Is A Solution Group
 - Serenity Seekers Group
 - Hill Dwellers Big Book Study Group
 - Wharf Rats Group
 - Still working on appropriately registering the 9am Woman's Daily Online group. Having been established as an online only meeting, it created a new dimension in our registration process.

- (Literature) Beth S. reported:
 - If you buy a hardcover of the Big Book, you can get \$1 off any version of the Twelve & Twelve
 - Also \$1 off any pocket version of our literature
 - AA Grapevine Board approved a new publisher -- Chris C.
 - AA Grapevine and La Vina are now on Instagram!
 - "Carry the Message" campaign of groups sponsoring Grapevine and La Vina subscriptions to those in need (i.e. confined alcoholics)

- (Events) JB reported:
 - Unity Day is coming in October -- either October 9th or 16th -- and will be virtual. More to come!!

- (Service Manual Study) Kelley C. reported:
 - Every month at 6:45 before the meeting
 - Reading and discussion -- this month Eric and Jackie were guests and they read Chapter 8. Chapter 9 will be next month!

- (Bridging the Gap) Phil S. reported:
 - Vince B. is the new co-chair elected last month
 - Bridging the Gap is coordinating outreach with the Public Relations Committee
 - Hospitals & Institutions now has a liaison to Bridging the Gap (Brad K)

7th Tradition -- Venmo was shared on screen

Presentation on The Grapevine -- Eric L.

- Started by giving a heads up that possibly The Area Committee may meet in person in January. The District is not yet voting on this matter.
- Summer Assembly was great and there will be another Assembly in November.
- Shared an anecdote about how there are no AA meetings in Tibet and he was able to use the Grapevine to stay connected to AA. They are a handy tool during travel and also provide a connection to AA for those in remote areas or otherwise confined.
- The Grapevine can also feel like a meeting in that you may not agree with everything in the magazine, but you can take what you need and leave what you don't.
- The Grapevine and La Vina are supported solely through subscriptions, not additional contributions. This may change in the future, but no discussions to do that yet.

Election for District Grapevine Representative

- This person will attend the monthly District meeting and report on the Grapevine and La Vina, making announcements and informing folks about deadlines for submitting stories. They also maintain the current selection of

Grapevine and La Vina materials and displays them at the monthly District meeting (when in person) and District special events. They inform groups about Grapevine and La Vina and encourage groups to have a Grapevine/La Vina Representative.

- Blu volunteered and there were no other volunteers, so we held a vote of confidence. Blu was elected with no objections!

Election: Finance Ad Hoc Committee Member(s)

- COMMITTEE GOALS:
 - 1) To create a proposed 2022 District budget for the District to discuss and approve before January 1, 2022; and
 - 2) Review the current method of financial reporting (i.e. report format) to determine its clarity and effectiveness.
- Attends committee meetings (typically once a month for 1 hour) until the goals of the committee have been completed
- Assist the Treasurer in reviewing the 2021 District budget and makes recommendations for a proposed 2022 budget, no later than October 1, 2021.
- Review various styles of financial reporting by Districts and if prudent, suggest changes to the current report format of our financial statements.
- Beth S. and David S. volunteered to be available for this committee, so Jackie/Riaz will reach out to them later.

Summer Assembly Report - Jackie B.

- Held on Saturday, August 7th
- Minutes will be available next month
- Area-wide business meeting voted on a motion that AAWS publish a one-page summary of the Six Warranties [FAILED]
- Business meeting was not able to get to the motion of a graphic novel based on first 164 pages so it will be brought up again at next Assembly
 - Jackie had misstated it would be brought up at Assembly in April, but Dennis corrected it will be at Inventory Assembly in November (so you have extra time to collect group conscience regarding the graphic novel!)
- Next Assembly is the Fall Inventory Assembly on Saturday, November 8

Quick Poll

- Who received a GSR or DCM packet and AA Service Manual in the mail?
 - While awaiting results, Jackie shared different ways to access these materials electronically
 - Poll results: 39% received in the mail, 35% didn't receive in the mail but have it electronically, and 26% never received anything by mail or electronically.

Carry The Message campaign video

Housekeeping Motion

- That the District purchase three (3) Grapevine and three (3) LaViña two-year print subscriptions (US, Canada and International) for the Carry the Message Project, at a cost not to exceed \$350.00
 - David S. asked if the subscriptions would lapse after 2 years. Jackie answered that is correct as we cannot buy a subscription longer than 2 years so it would require another vote if we wanted it to continue beyond that time.
 - There were no objections, so the motion was passed!

New Business -- NONE

Old Business

- 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 current pricing of Stripe per successful credit card charge is 2.9% + 30¢.
 - Jackie shared a comparison chart of Stripe, Square, and PayPal
 - We recently learned that Stripe allows customization while Square does not -- this came up for the Area as they cannot change the word "donate" to "contribute" since they're using Square.
 - Beth S. and Alicia R. expressed their support for this motion as it provides ease.
 - This would also allow groups to contribute electronically rather than mailing a check.
 - Tony R. asked if it would allow for one-time setting up regular contributions (i.e. \$5 monthly). Jackie confirmed that it would.

- Dennis H. shared that when the Area moved to electronic contributions, they started getting contributions from groups who had previously not given before. We can also get more information about these groups once they start to contribute!
- JB asked if we would stop taking contributions via Venmo; Riaz clarified that we would not.
- In light of new information provided, we are tabling for another month before voting.

Liaison Reports

- (Intergroup) Alison T.
 - IFAA is immediately hiring for Executive Director position
 - New indoor mask mandate
 - Continued need for teleservice volunteers
 - Revised Central Office schedule (Tues-Sat, 10am-6pm)
 - Financial rating for June 2021 was Good.
 - Intergroup is preparing for a group inventory

- (H&I) Julie S.
 - H&I has a new Area Chair (Margie C.)
 - Public Relations has a new H&I liaison that has been filled by Scott B.
 - IVSS (Inside Visitation & Sponsorship Service) has two new coordinators for sponsorship program and plans to roll it out
 - Overall financial condition is SOUND; the committee had prepared for a negative cash flow, which we did experience last month

- (District 16 Liaison) Martha B.
 - Just celebrated her 25th anniversary and had great attendance and got to hear the Delegate report in-person, which was very exciting!

- (PR Committee) Rudy S.
 - Friday, August 13 will be at Recovery Day sponsored by SF Adult Probation
 - Friday, September 17 will be at Annual Re-Entry Conference organized by the Catholic Church
 - PR Committee has created a Committee Info business card that almost ready to be printed and shared

- (GGYPAA) Anna V.
 - Monthly business meeting on Zoom still on the 2nd Sunday of the month -- last month was pretty sparsely attended so encouraging folks to attend!
 - Hike at Stinson Beach Headlands at the end of August -- will also be a meeting
 - Still looking for female-identifying young people's meetings to share

What's on your mind?

- We ran out of time for this

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.