

# SEPT 2021 MINUTES

## District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 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 Dennis H.
- Tradition 9 and Concept 9 – read by Joel S. and Chris C.
  
- New GSRs
  - Joel S, Sick AM
  
- Visitors
  - Amy M., CNCA Recording Secretary
  
- AA Birthdays
  - Rickey B., 5 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 – no amendments or objections  
[APPROVED]

### Officer Reports

- (Chair) Jackie B. reported:

- San Francisco Unity Day is Saturday, October 9 from 10am-3:30pm on Zoom
- Our district inventory will be held during our November District meeting on Tuesday, November 9
- If there are any questions or topics you would like addressed during our District or Area inventories, please email Jackie
- Area 06 CNCA News:
  - Area PI/CPC Committee has sent out an email to 50,000+ professionals who work with alcoholics, inviting them to attend a Zoom event on Wednesday, September 22.
  - Area's Technology Committee has an opening for a new committee member
- GSO/AAWS News:
  - \$250,000 has been deposited back into the Reserve Fund. The current reserve balance covers 8.41 months of expenses.
  - The new Service Manual is expected to be available in PDF on November 5
- (Alt Chair) Tony A. reported:
  - Saturday, October 9th will be Unity Day
  - Saturday, November 6 will be Fall Inventory Assembly
  - To-Do List:
    - Share relevant information from the Final Conference Report that is of interest to your group.
    - Announce SF Unity Day to your group
    - Is your group interested in doing a group inventory?
    - Send questions you'd like included in the District/Area Inventories to Jackie or Tony
  - Tony is going to try to send out the GSR sample report email earlier this month
- (Events) JB could not attend but shared a slide about:
  - Unity Day is coming October 9th and hopefully you could attend and \$5 if you're the first person to email [vanarama@gmail.com](mailto:vanarama@gmail.com) BEFORE the GSR meeting about this Easter egg.
    - Speaker Panel, Safety Workshop, Roundtables & Orientations

- National AA Technology Workshop is this weekend and you can still register to attend
- (Treasurer) Riaz A. reported:
  - During the month of August we took over \$400 in contributions and \$53 in district meeting 7th tradition
  - We're still above our prudent reserve so Ad Hoc Finance Committee is still working on solutions
  - Important to include your meeting's # with the check if possible so we can record accurately the contributions by groups
- (Literature) Beth S. reported:
  - Exciting news for September:
    - There are some printing delays due to Covid
    - Two new pamphlets (Hispanic Women in AA, Our Experience Has Taught Us -- An Introduction to the 12 Traditions)
    - Sample text portions for the Plain & Simple Big Book are being submitted for review
    - New preamble wallet cards and placards with updated language available online and to order
  - Special Summer Offer is still running through September 30
- (Grapevine/La Vina) Blu F. reported:
  - Carry the Message Project -- meetings and individuals can sponsor subscriptions to Grapevine or La Vina
  - Grapevine and La Vina are also on Instagram
- (Service Manual Study) Kelley C. reported:
  - Every month at 6:45 before the meeting
  - Reading and discussion -- Jackie was the "guest", read Chapter 9 about the General Service Board
- (Bridging the Gap) Phil S. reported:
  - Does outreach including "Recovery Day" and the upcoming "Re-Entry Fair" this Friday
  - Published a SF specific pamphlet that is available at Central Office or online

- Looking for a new co-chair as Vince needed to step down -- we will hold elections for this position at next month's District meeting
- Volunteer orientation is 6pm on first Tuesday of the month, meeting at 6:30
- Next month's meeting will focus on that new SF specific pamphlet

**7th Tradition** -- Venmo was shared on screen

**Presentation on 71st Final Conference Report (Amy M.)**

- 71st General Service Conference was held in April
- The printed final reports are not available yet, so only accessible as a PDF online right now
- Digital documents like the Final Conference Report have been sanitized so that an alcoholic's name is not full. Any full names that you see in the digital version are non-Alcoholics. Full names of both alcoholics and non-alcoholics appear in the print versions so ensure that they are not shared publicly.
- Many reports from committee/board members are included in the Final Conference Report, so you may need to dig through to find the relevant pieces of information for your group.
- Advisory Actions are numbered for ease of use
- Reflections can give insight on where AA may be heading
- Attendees also contributed paragraphs -- Jennifer from CNCA06 wrote something if you want to check it out!
- Anything from the report that lights you up is worth sharing w/ your group!

**Breakout Rooms**

- We split into 4 breakout rooms for 15 minutes to discuss one of the motions for the Fall Assembly: 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
- AA already produces some short form comic or illustrated literature (i.e. pamphlets of Twelve Traditions/Concepts Illustrated)

**Old Business**

- That the District adopt the payment platform Stripe as a plugin on our existing WordPress-powered website ([www.sfgeneralservice.org](http://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 the comparison chart again for reference
- We did a poll to see if folks felt ready to vote
  - Folks said they were ready to vote (96% vs 4%)
  - Simple majority won as the method of voting (71% vs. 29%)
  - Vote was 30 votes in favor, 0 against, and 3 abstain -- no minority opinion and this motion passed!
  
- That the District establish an annual budget of \$500 for its Bridging the Gap (BTG) subcommittee -- we will discuss next month

### **Liaison Reports**

- (Intergroup) Alison T.
  - New and improved SF/Marin website! Preview at [www.test.aasfmarin.org](http://www.test.aasfmarin.org)
  - Discussing the idea of printing QR codes on business cards instead of printing meeting guides
  - Intergroup is in the process of planning a group inventory. If you want to know more about it or join ad hoc committee, please contact Chip Gower.
  - Financial rating for July is "Good"
  - Please promote Faithful Fivers as options for individuals and group contributions
  
- (PR Committee) Rudy S.
  - Presented to new students in the MA program at the American Conservatory Theater in August
  - Friday, September 17 will be at Annual Re-Entry Conference organized by the Catholic Church for newly released inmates looking for support
  - PR Committee has created a Committee Info business card that almost ready to be printed and shared
  - Committee needs support -- please email [sfpr@aasfmarin.org](mailto:sfpr@aasfmarin.org) to get more information and to get involved

- Monthly meetings are 2nd Monday of the month at 7pm (still on Zoom for now)
- (GGYPAA) Anna V.
  - Monthly business meeting on Zoom still on the 2nd Sunday of the month at noon -- send folks to this meeting if they're a younger person looking to get involved!
  - No upcoming events yet

### **What's on your mind?**

- We had 8 minutes for What's On Your Mind -- WHOA!
- Amy M. shared that there is an opening on the I&T Committee (Interpretation & Translation)
- Alicia R. shared that she attended her first GSR meeting last month but she never received the sample GSR report via email -- Jackie advised reaching out to Tony
- Julie S. shared that West Portal successfully transferred back to in-person and they've created new service commitments to ensure health & safety. If your group is looking to go back in person, she is happy to share tips & tricks!
- Blu shared that before the mask mandate was in place, her group held a vote about whether folks should wear a mask and the group had voted to not have to wear a mask.
- Riaz shared that last year, he had an opportunity to lead a safety workshop and now some meetings have added safety liaisons -- putting out an informal request for group feedback/consciences about safety in AA in these Covid times. Jackie encouraged everyone to attend the safety workshop at Unity Day and reminded that safety can encompass many things.

### **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.