

District 06 (San Francisco) **MINUTES** for General Service Meeting **Tuesday, March 10, 2015**
St. Marks Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs), 1111 O'Farrell Street, SF, CA

8:00 – 9:30 District Meeting: Facilitated by Rhys G., District Committee Member Chair

A. Opening – Standing Items

- General Service Preamble: Rhys, Tradition 3 (Long Form): Greg, and Concept 3: Meg E.
- Welcome of New GSRs, DCMs: Charles W. [GSR/Alt-GSR?] – *Sex & Love in Sobriety*; Spencer C., GSR – *Ass in a Bag*; Greg R., GSR - *Artist & Writers*; Meg E., GSR - *Reality Farm*, James (covering for Howard) – *Friendly Circle*; Charles M., GSR, *Sex & Love in Sobriety*; Mark D., Alt-GSR – *Eureka Valley Topic Group*; Lauren H., DCM – Sub-district 265
- Visitors: Barbara S., CNCA 06 Recording Secretary from Antioch
- Recognition of Birthdays/Anniversaries since our last meeting: Ron W. – 26 years; Virginia M. – 36 years; Ryan K. - 16 years; Wanda – 4 years; Erin – 9 years; Brad K. – 8 years;
- Approval of prior month's minutes → APPROVED
- Presentation of current month's Financial Reports: Lauren; February contributions down; 7th tradition down slightly; expenses: expenses up \$400 (annual insurance liability renewal) & rent for Agenda Topics Workshop; over reserve (book keeping adjustment from January); group contributions: beginning this month, financial report will list each group that gave so far this year; unknown group name - no names on check → group goes into "Unknown Group Name" category (#610491; is this # valid?)
- Presentation of Concept 3 - Alias
- VOLUNTEER for a 2-Minute Presentation on Concept 4 for April meeting - Blue District Committee Members / Officers / Liaison Reports (please submit written report to secretary prior to the district meeting)
 - DCMC Announcements:
 - Agenda Topic Workshop 12:30 – 4:30 this Saturday: summaries and flyer available on the table; need 4 volunteers for set-up & breakdown
 - NCAA Conference in Foster City this weekend; open speaker meeting
 - Thanks to Dennis for attending Area meeting last month
 - Summer Assembly in Petaluma (the "fun" assembly)
 - Housekeeping motion before Area to cooperate with Japan's GSO; share experience with them – motion passed at Area meeting
 - Dennis, Alt-DCMC leads new GSR orientation each month before district meeting
 - 7:00 Concepts study
 - Background info/summaries: AA confidential; don't leave materials in meeting room of your groups
- PRAASA presentation - Virginia M.; what is PRAASA? Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly; purpose: (see mission statement); 1 talk: "Which shape is your triangle?"; recovery, unity, service (lopsided or even-length sides?); bulk mail: anonymity leaks; "druple7" website: used best practices; session began 1:00 pm Fri; panels/roundtables: went until 10:30 pm; topics: taken from our current agenda topics; some examples of topics: personal inventory vs. General Service Conference inventory – differences?; when is the best time to do inventory?; enough literature on taking inventory? GS inventory past 2 years - what have we learned?; improved

communication in AA; in Hawaii, DCMs attend InterGroup meetings; better use of technology in AA to improve communication; technology enabling deaf members to communicate better; some rigidity in AA/objection to using video; deaf members using video-conference software – don't be rigid/opposed; ASL unrelated to English; need video to relay communication; time for 5th Ed. of Big Book?; create new book "12x12x12" (steps, traditions, concepts)?; members with mental illness – need more literature on this?; 12th stepping or just sending to meetings; does literature reflect changing demographics of transgender/gender non-conforming? – much support @ session; spirituality: last year's pamphlet; AA for women pamphlet update?; stories relevant, but grammatical errors; corrections needed; roundtables: topics: archives; alternate-delegates; area chairs, InterGroups/Central Offices, CPC, corrections; DCMs, DCMCs, GSRs, literature, Grapevine; trustees, delegates, PI; registrars, secretaries; Spanish-Speakers; treasurers, access; newsletters, young people; singleness of purpose; common welfare; are meetings safe for everyone? thanks to ASL/Spanish interpreters; volunteer ASL interpreters – no advance notice was given via registration form

- Presentation from Barbara S., Area Recording Secretary: What to expect at pre-conference assembly; present group conscience; orientation for newbies; go over process, microphone etiquette; business meeting (@ every assembly): 3 motions on table; new business – panel 61 Advisory Action regarding videos not featuring full faces (no vote), discussion regarding meaning of motion; other 2 motions: 12x12; service manual blank form; get group conscience on these motions; sharing on conference theme; agendas, including Grapevine (our delegate's on that conference committee); literature, trustees; what's on your mind?; bring paper/take notes even on stuff you didn't get group conscience on; pre-conference dinner 6:00 pm (see CNCA.org website) – Class B trustee will speak on Sunday am; try to attend pre- & post-conference assemblies – great experience; communicate group conscience; delegate will deliver "area" conscience; email delegate to voice personal opinions; Barbara has been to 12 pre-conference assemblies; spiritual experience; delegate wants to know "why" group felt the way they felt; background material is important for topics of interest; remain neutral; have written report to present topics to group; don't share personal opinion at group level until whole process is over; minority opinion very important; make posters, flyers, offer pizza, propose meeting time/place; pick controversial topics to generate interest; bring FM radio for translation to understand Spanish-speakers at assembly

9:15-9:30

E. Closing – Standing Items

- 7th Tradition
- Sample GSR Report: Dennis H., Alt-DCMC
- What's On Your Mind? Susan D. – looking for volunteers for Agenda Topics Workshop; Virginia; women's pamphlet should include "internet" on "ways to contact AA"; Amber: pre-conference assembly; encourage folks to go; Sat-Sun Apr 11-12; Dennis H.: PRAASA – common theme: people not feeling welcome in AA (mental health sufferers; trans-people turned away from meetings; atheists made to feel unwelcome); many agenda topics this year address these issues; Brad K.: Norman H. offering great events, e.g this Sat in Oakland speaker meeting; bands, very fun; raffle

9:30 Closed with Responsibility Statement