

District 06 (San Francisco) **MINUTES** for General Service Meeting **Tuesday, June 9, 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, Tradition 6 (Long Form): Brian N., and Concept 6: Judy P.
- Welcome of New GSRs, DCMs, and Visitors: Brian Nachreiner, GSR – Saturday Night Live; Jonathan (outgoing GSR saying goodbye); Judy P.M., GSR – Shamrocks & Serenity; Juan T., visitor; Raymundo L. – CNCA 06 Delegate; Patty B., outgoing GSR – Shamrocks & Serenity
- Recognition of Birthdays/Anniversaries since our last meeting: Tony R. – 25 years;

Delegate Report – Raymundo L.

- Thanks to CNCA to allow me to serve as your delegate
- Served on Grapevine/La Viña committee
- You delegated to me responsibility to make important decisions on your behalf
- Loved the participation from our area at pre-conference assembly
- Much support/guidance from past delegates – so helpful
- Padee showed me off @ airport; made sure I got past security/left for trip
- Emotional experience
- Hotel was @ heart of Times Square
- Took tour to GSO, Riverside Church – read AA preamble @ meeting
- Met w/Phyllis H., GSO Manager
- Visit to World Trade Center Museum
- Went to Grapevine Office
- Trip to AA Archives
- 911 attack – was a need for meetings near Ground Zero for firefighters & rescue workers helping w/crisis in 2001: “Ground Zero” Group
- Visited 38 Livingston St. – where Bill & Lois lived from 1926 – 1929
- The Clinton House – where Bill lived after stock market crash;
- The Calvary Episcopal Church: 1934- 36 – Bill got sober here w/Ebby
- Towns Hospital: where Bill went here for treatment several times; Dr. Silkworth treated 40,000 alcoholics there
- Tours were offered by Conference Hospitality Committee for conference attendees
- Meeting for delegates – chance to get to know each other; gave each other mementos; I gave flyer about CNCA 06 (shows # of districts, groups, members (60,000); met w/delegate buddy & Grapevine/ La Viña Committee Chair
- Attended open meeting
- “7 to 20 Meeting” – for Class A Trustees to attend; ask questions
- Session on remote communities; session on remote languages; illiteracy, limited English; natives in Canada (Algonquin); remote languages in Colorado; 3 pamphlets in Burmese but not Karen-language; correspondence w/AA members in Myanmar/ N. Thailand – no Karen-speakers in fellowship there; similar challenges for this immigrant population in Florida
- Presentation on 23rd World Service Meeting – AA around the World
 - Romania
 - Iran: beginning stages of AA – called “Nameless Sobers” (due to government ban on using the term “alcoholics”; translation of Big Book into Farsi; meetings

not allowed in public buildings – must meet in private homes or outside in 100 degree temperatures

- 2014 GSO Relocation Study: recommend to remain in NYC (have 81 employees; 11 are very long-term employees)
- Delegate Orientation: led by Pacific Regional Trustee; like a sharing session for all delegates in each area – elected new delegate chair for next year
- Panel 64 Delegate Presentations: Diversity in AA; Safety & Respect; Safeguarding Traditions, Inventory – Looking Back to Move Ahead
- 100,358 AA groups in the world
- AA finances: presentation by Class A Trustee – very low on contributions to GSO; our Area (CNCA 06) is #1 contributor to GSO;
- 75th Anniversary Ed. Stats: 177,888 books sold; ordered too many on 2nd round
- 69 translations of Big Book
- 63 foreign GSO's around the world
- Highlights of services provided by GSO:
 - 90,000 emails/letters, telephone calls answered by staff members at GSO
 - Corrections desk answers over 6500 letters each year
- Loners-International: 400 alcoholics in remote areas – GSO connects them together via newsletters
- 2018 Pacific Regional Forum Bid – 4 areas bidding for this; CNCA 06 won the bid; past delegate Doug G. created presentation for bid
- Held elections for Trustee-at-Large
- Had e-voting 1st time – felt it took away spirituality of voting by hand
- Committee Reports on Thursday: brought ALL group consciences from CNCA w/him
- Everything was voted on by substantial unanimity
- Committee Considerations: no 12x12x12 book
- Advisory Actions:
 - 2016 GSC theme – “Our Spiritual Way of Life – Steps & Traditions”
 - Revise pamphlet: “AA and Its Service Agencies” – approved
 - Approved revision of LGBT pamphlet, including retitle pamphlet;
 - Mental Health literature: bring progress report to 2016 conference; will solicit stories from fellowship
 - Revise pamphlet on Women in AA; bring progress report or revisions to 2016 conference, to include women from diverse backgrounds, women from military
 - Policy & Admissions: hold next GSC 4/22 - 4/28/2016
 - PI: PSA approve change to “Doors” a video PSA (max \$24,000)
 - Approved 2014 AA membership survey pamphlet
 - Discontinued video PSA's “A Force of Nature” and “Testimonials”
 - Authorized AAWS Board to produce & post audio-visual service material on aa.org website
 - Proceed w/Phase 1 of plan to translate conference material into Spanish & French beginning w/66th GSC (estimated cost: \$80,000 to \$120,000)
 - Approve Grapevine/La Viña pamphlet update

9:15-9:30

E. Closing – Standing Items

- 7th Tradition

9:30 Closed with Responsibility Statement