

District 06 (San Francisco) **MINUTES** for General Service Meeting **Tuesday, August 11, 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

- Began with *Serenity Prayer* @ 8:02 pm
- General Service Preamble: Rhys G., Tradition 8 (Long Form): Neil F., and Concept 8: Calvin B.
- Welcome to New GSRs: Fausto H., GSR - *Alumni Group*; Branden H., Alt-GSR – *Cow Hollow Men's*; Chris C., GSR – *Goldmine Group*; Katharine McF., GSR - *Kookoo Hump Day*; David B., GSR – *Pocket Aces*; Neil F., GSR - *Goodlands*; Calvin B., GSR - *New Start*; Spencer W., GSR – *Moving Towards Serenity*; Lorraine F., GSR - *Extreme Makeover*; Chelsea W., GSR – *Serenity Seekers*; Ethan C., GSR – *Cow Hollow Young People*; Jennie R., GSR - *High Noon Friday*
- Welcome to Visitors: Agustin L., Literature/Grapevine Chair – CNCA 06; Mike C. – backup GSR – *Friendly Circle*
- Recognition of Birthdays/Anniversaries since our last meeting: Matt – 26 years, Spencer C. – 3 years; Amber G. – 26 years; Morris – 7 years
- Approval of prior month's minutes: →APPROVED
- Presentation of current month's Financial Reports: Lauren – In July 54 groups contributed; total 140 year to date; see list of groups; getting better – July 31st - \$1,000+ group contributions (20% less than last 3 years); expenses – paid unity day rent balance - \$677 July (4% less than previous 3 years); still in prudent reserve; next couple months – not a lot of projected expenses ; income 20% less than prior three year average.
- Presentation of Concept 8 – Laurel S. – re relationship of GSB to Trustees & AAWS, Inc. & GV, Inc.; GSB delegates responsible for day to day to day; trustees work on larger issues
- VOLUNTEER for a 2-Minute Presentation on Concept 9 for September meeting: Amber G.
- District Committee Members / Officers / Liaison Reports (please submit written report to secretary prior to the district meeting)
- Announcements: 430 people @ assembly; great presentation by Lauren H.; next assembly: Nov 14th – Area inventory assembly – Calistoga; contact list on each table – please fill out, including carpool info; 1 assembly available for bid in 2016;
- Greg C., Events Coordinator – Unity Day announcement – flyers available, 10/31/15
- Presentation from Visiting Area Officer: Agustin L., CNCA 06 Literature/Grapevine Chair
 - Experience coming to GS; how to increase participation in GS; I came out of curiosity; home group was electing GSR; spoke about GS – what is it?; was in AA for about 2 years at this point; volunteered to be alt-GSR; ½-way through the panel, the GSR left; it was my turn to be GSR; had no idea what to do; DCMC gave me a lot of info about GS; after meeting, he became my service sponsor; elected DCMC even though I didn't do a good job as GSR; went to PRAASA in OR 2007; real eye-opener about how many people are involved in service; been in GS since then; most people just interested in doing 1-1; service legacy carrying the message; 9th tradition discusses committees – PI/CPC, Literature, Grapevine; when I was a GSR, group didn't want to listen to stuff about GS – don't like to “waste time” discussing 1 topic; 1st time went to business meeting – took long time to make a decision – most people think it's a waste of time to discuss things for a long time before making a decision; in AA, it's important for all voices to be heard; GSR most important job; PRAASA – hooked me into GS; Regional Forum – will be here in CA 2016 – Regional Forum great experience – trustees, GSO staff people – can meet & speak with them; last GSC: Advisory Actions to create new pamphlets for alcoholics with mental health issues, update pamphlet “AA for the Woman” & “AA for LGBT members” – call for stories from members due 10/15/15 – 500-800 words, 12-point font size – include name, address, email address – will inform if story selected; save story – might as well also send to Grapevine; email to literature@aa.org or to postal address; Q: How can we generate interest in submitting stories//A: 1 district held a

writing workshop//Q: What's PRAASA?//A: Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly – hosted by 15 areas in region, meets annually; last assembly was in Salt Lake City; next year in Spokane, WA; area delegates plan PRAASA

- Housekeeping motions (if any) arising from reports - *Travel Expense Reimbursement Guidelines*: presented by Lauren Hachemeister – see handout “Alcoholics Anonymous San Francisco General Service: District 6 Travel Expense Reimbursement Guidelines” – proposed revisions include some grammatical corrections; makes distinction between DCMCs/DCMs & GSRs in Section 1. “Basis”; clarifies lodging reimbursements in section 4; revisions mirrors changes that CNCA 06 is currently making – they’re also updating their guidelines; after questions, more revisions will be made to clarify; it will be reviewed again in September.

B. District Business [Business of the San Francisco District. Items here will either affect our local district or may be referred to the Area if items could affect A.A. as a whole.]

- District Elections for Panel 65:
 - Officers/Liaisons: **Coffee Maker!!** Thomas S. – no longer avail for commitment; make coffee, break it down, need to get here at 6:45pm; helpful to have vehicle to haul coffee supplies; no volunteers; Greg C. volunteered to do next month;
- Processes review - Dennis H. update:
 - Held meeting couple weeks ago; lots of clean up to do on mail list & registration list; lots of q’s re data; reaching out to NY re several issues; more than an issue about a database; it’s also about how we are keeping track of data in district; plan to get mail & registration lists in order – make sure everyone is registered; explore best ways to keep lists updated; these problems have been happening for 10 years – will take a lot of work to untangle; more volunteers welcome
- Discussion Topics: [Brought to the district by groups, GSRs or any trusted servant and discussed until a motion is brought forward for consideration or the district decides to pass.]
 - SF General Service Pamphlet: This project started end of last panel; In gathering ideas for the pamphlet, it might be useful to know “What did you want to know when you came to General Service?”
 - I’d like to know how SF GS relates to IG. I want to know what things we do locally.//We have a web service. I want to know what our website is. Do we have one? How to find it? How do we get ideas from the website? Maybe we could take a look at website together in our monthly meeting.//What role does the district play in the chain of service from the group to GSO/GSB?//What events does D6 host? Which events should a GSR attend - Area events and D6 events?//What are the various committees, i.e. PI/CPC, H&I? Does the GSR make announcements about H&I if the group has no H&I rep?//Why does a group need a GSR, especially a new meeting?//I’m a picture person. I think the service triangle is a great depiction – I’d like to see a diagram of how the General Service system works
 - Rhys: I’ll bring some ideas to next month’s meeting - will try to incorporate these questions/comments into the draft. Will continue to discuss this.

9:15-9:30

E. Closing – Standing Items

- 7th Tradition
- Sample GSR Report - Dennis H., Alt-DCMC

• What's On Your Mind? I'm the Literature person. D6 likes to give out a copy of the Service Manual to new GSR's. Our literature budget has pretty much been depleted. If you're a new GSR, you'll receive a Welcome Packet in a few months from GSO in NY that also includes a Service Manual. You can help us by please returning one copy of the Service Manual back here so we can reduce our expenditures for this.//I attended the assembly in Petaluma. There were only six of us from D6, whereas other districts, such as Marin, had 30 people. I don't want to shame us, but I think we could really step up our participation in the assemblies. I'm glad to see we're going to be adding carpool info to our contact list – I'm a driver and I invite anyone who needs a ride to connect with me or another driver to make it to the assemblies.//We held a vote at the assembly on the motion to delete "of the opposite sex" from the 12x12 and it failed//How do we submit stories for new pamphlet?// Our meeting has had recent struggles with making our rent. Some people don't hold cash when attending the meeting. I want to know if anyone has experience accepting "Square" card payments at meetings for the 7th Tradition collection//When I came here a few months ago, I didn't know what a service sponsor was. I've now been working with a service sponsor for a while. I'm super excited, because I'm learning so much about how awesome AA is.

- Closed at 9:25 pm with *The Responsibility Statement*

Abbreviations used in these minutes:

Abbreviation:	Meaning:
AAWS	A.A. World Services
CNCA 06	California Northern Coastal Area 06
D6	District 06 (San Francisco)
DCM	District Committee Member
DCMC	District Committee Member Chair
GS	General Service
GSB	General Service Board
GSC	General Service Conference
GSO	General Service Office
GSR	General Service Representative
GV	Grapevine
H&I	Hospitals & Institutions
IG	InterGroup
LV	La Viña (Spanish version of Grapevine)
PI/CPC	Public Information/Cooperation with the Professional Community
PRAASA	Pacific Regional Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly