

District 06 (San Francisco) **MINUTES** for General Service Business Meeting **Tuesday 14th of Aug 2018**
St Mark's Church, Fellowship Hall (downstairs) 1111 O'Farrell St. San Francisco CA

6:30 – 7:00 New GSR Orientation
6:30 – 7:30 12 Concepts & Service Manual Study
7:30 – 9:00 District Meeting

Opening of Meeting

- Open at 7:30pm with Serenity Prayer
- General Service Preamble – read by Dennis H. (*District Committee Member Chair - DCMC*)
- Reading of Tradition 8 by Jason J. & Concept 8 Jeannette W.
- Brief description “**What is a Service Sponsor?**” those willing to be a service sponsor raise hands.
- **Welcome new GSRs:** Jeannette W. - Artists & Writers, Joseph H. – Men's Gentle Touch, Jason J.– Experience, Strength & Hope
- **Welcome Visitors:** Teddy B-W Area Alternate Delegate and visiting from Oakland, Doug G., past delegate panel 53 and visiting from San Jose
- **Sobriety Anniversaries:** Rob L. 22 years, Hemanth S. 6 years, Kenny 19 years, Sean 3 years, Jason J. 13 years,
- **Prior Month's Minutes:** approved without objection

Presentations

- **Financial Report** – Gilbert G., District Treasurer: Financial report – reviews financial statements; funds in; expenses; 1150.77 contributions from groups, total 1251.77, 360 payout for Unity Day, slightly into prudent reserve by 51.59. If you know your group contributed into and don't see your group's contribution contact Gilbert.
- **Presentation of Concept:** Hemanth S., GSR concept is about plan, delegate, and distribute instead of keeping money together. Need to make sure that money and authority does not remain in one person or one position. GS tries to delegate authority and power so that Trustees hold authority and powers as custodians. This is about issues of resisting one person or group gathering ongoing authority or power. Sean Volunteers to present concept 9 in September.
- **DCMC Report** – Dennis H: Discussion of issue with the space that District 06 meets. Update: The ULC is the space for September, November, and December. We will meet in Heritage Hall in October. Church asked us to leave because they get more \$\$\$ than renting to District 06. Church asked us to move and the ULC. Church informed us that they could not provide us a space on Tuesday in 2019. If we want to continue to meet in ULC we would have to move to Monday and the Officers chose not to move the meeting date because Group Conscience could not be gathered in time because the Church set a deadline for a decision before District 06 regular meeting. As a result, the Officers gave up the ULC for 2019. After December of 2018, District 06 will have to relocate to a new space. Justin H. will head up the committee to locate a new space. The committee will look for new space and at the same time the District will form a budget but the budget depends on a new space and what that would cost. Currently the District pays \$150 per month and right now we don't know what other options are out there. The rent for Heritage Hall in October is \$495 for the three (3) hours during the regular meeting. Dennis H. made that decision because it had to be made as time was crucial. Dennis made that decision after consulting with the District Officers. Questions: Where are we next month? A: ULC. We cannot get into

Heritage Hall until 6:30. Q: Will next space be less? A: We don't know, it depends on location chosen. It would be hard to afford \$495 per month. Basically, show up in this area and you will be ok. Except for October, we will meet in ULC. October. Justin H. to head up ad hoc committee and asked for all interested people to contact him and he will set up conference calls and begin looking into alternate meeting spaces. Dennis: The main thing is to gather information so that the Committee can make a prudent decision and the amount of money that we can budget for depends on the spaces that we locate. Gilbert will head up budgetary committee and the budget will likely be decided in tandem with the ad hoc committee. Q: I notice that we don't have coffee that might be something we do to save \$. A: Yes, the coffee is not being utilized tonight but may save \$27.00 based on last month's financial report. Generally, a kitchen is not required but beneficial to having coffee. Q: What is general attendance at the District? A: approximately 45 ppl, summertime is usually a smaller attendance. Space for 50 people is average. If anybody has a question or comment that they are uncomfortable asking please email Dennis directly. Q: So we are good for the rest of 2018? A: Yes. Q: Heritage Hall available Monday? A: Yes but the rate was \$168/hr and they needed a decision before the District Meeting and couldn't have GC so Dennis passed on decision with input from Officers. Q: Is Unitarian Universalist Church available? A: Yes but it is prohibitively expensive = appx. \$800.00. We will continue discussing this and have another report next month at the District Mtg.

- Intergroup Liaison – Steve R; None
- Liaison to H&I – Brad K: H&I needs \$\$\$ and ppl. Donations way down, have had a little uptick but please make announcements that pink can needs love. 95% of money in can goes to buy literature. Still need 78 ppl to take on commitments or they might go dark. Monthly orientation is the third Saturday, at 11am at 2900 24th Street. BTG chair invited to come to orientation and work closely with H&I. Also, next quarterly orientation Thursday at Central Office October 25th 6:30pm
- PI/CPC Liaison – Justin H: None
- GGYPAA Rep – None
- Liaison with D16 – Allison W: None
- Bridging the Gap Co-Chair – Courtney W & Pete F: Courtney: GC that we start approaching new facilities and would like input from ppl who have contacts with hospital, jail, institution, rehab or detox please take a form available at the back and fill out how you know contact at such a facility so that BTG can contact the facility and try to build a connection.

- Events Co-Chair – Luke H & Nereida G: None

Housekeeping Motions:

GGYPAA Bid Letter of support: Justin read letter of support and asked for clarifications: Doug G.: Will district 05 also be asked to sign letter of support? A: Yes. Q: Are there scholarships available? A: small t tradition yes, usually it depends on people who donate \$ to scholarships. Are there any objections? None. Motion passes as housekeeping motion

BTG Co-chair Staggered Terms / Caleb presents as new business Policy Change, Dennis says this will change policy so only accepting questions at this time. Each BTG co-chair currently begin and end at the same time. This is challenging because new BTG co-chairs start at the same time and have to figure it out. Proposed motion to change transition of BTG to one year so that when one co-chair rotates out one stays on for another year. The term of the commitment would remain 2years but each year a new co-Chair would be elected and the previous co-Chair would become Chair. This would change the election schedule to elect a new co-Chair every year. Discussion/Questions: Q: I was elected a year ago so does

that mean my term would end in December? Dennis: We need a discussion to flesh out impact of changing rotation. Q: So to mimic the Area this would be one vote every year to have a staggered term? A: Yes, this would be like the Event co-chairs which is the only other position that overlaps but does create a precedent. We will discuss this next month to flesh out further and a decision might not happen until November or December

7th Tradition

Trustee Literature Committee Doug G.: Appointed Trustee Literature Committee Member (non-Trustee) on Literature committee. Has been in the position for past three years. Presently Appointed Committee Members on CPC, Corrections, Literature, and sometimes Trustee Committees have a lot of work to do depending on what is delegated to them. Board meetings throughout the year and limited time to work on things. We are full-fledged members on literature committee but we do not vote. I was brought on in 2015 because AA for gays and lesbian pamphlet be updated and I am gay so I was asked to be on the committee. That was the first project I worked on. What we did was deciding that we needed stories from the fellowship from LGBTQI membership. We read the pamphlet and asked; what do we like? What don't we like? What would we change? Ultimately, we decided to overhaul it because it was not representative of the fellowship. We then selected criteria to determine what the conference was asking for. We read ALL of the stories submitted and we selected final stories and the stories were polished and edited for grammar. Finally this year we are expecting the new pamphlet to be printed and we are very proud of it. The same year, the conference said we needed literature for those with mental health challenges and those who may get sober with them. So we gathered stories and experience the same way. We went to the membership and gathered various stories from those members with mental health challenges and those who sponsor, support, or encounter them. There are many different stories in there and we are very happy about it. We have also created a table of information for all conference approved literature, when it was published, how it is being utilized, whether it is still relevant, and what to do with them. Sometimes people say we have too many pamphlets. But it is important to remember that all pamphlets were created for a specific need so it is important to let the Literature Committee know what you think is working and what is not working and we will review it. I am also passionate about Young People because I got sober young and am happy to report updates to YP pamphlet Too Young coming out soon. We currently have several pieces of literature: 3-legacies ESH; Anonymity language added to Q&A on Sponsorship; Too Young update; 12 Traditions Illustrated; Text, illustrations, and language are going to be updated. This is precisely what the Literature Committee does. Quite often something that comes up is not supported by a "widely expressed need" and we send it back down. Other times, the requested information is represented elsewhere. One of the jobs of the Literature Committee is to determine what should go to the Conference and what should not. Mainly, it is whether there is a "widely expressed need". The Conference put a call out for Latina Woman for Appointed Committee membership to help develop a pamphlet for Latina Women. You can submit a standardized resume and you can talk to Area Officers to help submit one. Corrections Correspondence Service is not available in Canada so AA cannot just do the same thing. So we brought in an appointed committee member to work on the legalities of employing that type of service in Canada. So those are the types of things that Appointed Committee Members do so if you find any of that interested please feel free to make yourself available! Q: Will Latina pamphlet automatically have Spanish version? A: AAWS board has a policy that new pamphlets be published in Spanish, English, and French. Q: Request for 5th grade reading level for Big Book? A: Yes but a broad survey of the country did not show "substantial support/need" for it. Also, the issue of old language will likely come up again. Current conference language edition of the Big Book will come up again but there still exists a VERY STRONG sentiment around the country that the Big Book remain in original form (first 164). Q: When the Conference

requests a change what is the impact on translations? A: For Big Book itself (original 164 plus appendices) there wouldn't be any change or impact on those translations. But some countries take our Big Book and translate it themselves so that would be affected. Adding language to pamphlets might cause issue due to licensing to other translations because they don't "have to be" updated but we can "suggest" that they be updated. Q: What if other countries want to update a pamphlet? A: If they are licensing our version then they will not be able to because AAWS owns the copyright. But see the God Word as an example of another locality making its own pamphlet. AAWS can learn from other places too.

Pacific Regional Forum Presentation: Teddy B.W. and Doug G. presenting. Teddy - Early on in my sobriety I was told to get a service sponsor and to keep coming back so that is what I am doing. How many people have heard of PRAASA? Pacific Regional AA Service Assembly. Happens every year. Pacific Regional Forum is the other Forum and happens every two years. SF is one of 23 districts in Area 06. CNCA stretches from Humboldt in the North to Monterey in the South. US and Canada have 93 Areas represented by one Delegate. And those 93 Areas broken down in 9 Regions (15 in PR). About a Quarter of AA membership is present in the Pacific Region. Doug G. – PRAASA is self-contained in Pacific Region. Pacific Regional Forum started to provide opportunity for fellowship to meet the staff and trustees of GSO and ask them questions on any topic whereas PRAASA is mainly geared toward Conference information. Pacific Regional Forum is more about getting to know the GSO and staff members. That includes Trustees, GSO volunteers, staff, and Chair of the Board of Trustees! That is an awesome opportunity to meet them and get to know them. Teddy represents PRAASA Doug represents PRF – PRAASA is \$25, PRF is FREE!!! PRAASA comes every year, PRF only comes every 2 years but rotates around 15 areas so it may not come back for 30 years! PRAASA is 2.5 days and PRF is only 1.5 days. PRAASA is generally larger and more service junkies, PRF is more of the local population and slightly less. Content of PRAASA is driven by organizing committee and mainly panel presentations. PRF program driven by General Service Board and they get input from local Delegate and presentations by GSO staff and board members. PRAASA business meeting is painful 😊 but a spiritual experience!!! PRF has no business meeting and more about sharing. PRAASA has dinner and speaker meeting Saturday night. PRF has break time for ppl to go to Chipotle or wherever. PRAASA you get to write your own report, PRF will publish its own report so that you can share it with your group. Teddy: personally I get different things from both. I like some of what I hear and other stuff not so much, either way I come away more informed. I should come early, sit up front, stay late and ask questions. What I didn't do was practice step 6 so my spiritual experiences have been of the "educational" variety. The PRF is more intimate despite the larger numbers of people. Ppl more likely to engage in conversations with each other. I always had an idea about our literature but after speaking with a literature committee member from Boise and he explained the risk in trying to "solve" an issue just by creating literature instead of addressing the issue personally in my home group. Doug – PRF puts a face on those representing AA at GSO and that they are just alcoholics too. They are just trying to do the best they can and support AA through service. They are just the special workers in New York that are supporting AA too. Not us v. them but "we". It is a rare opportunity to go to San Jose, last time it was here in '80s or '90s. Go to aa.org and look for Regional Forums! September 7, 8 & 9 in San Jose. First time attendees are soooo welcome so please come. All you have to cover is transport and lodging. It totally changed my view of sobriety and how to give back. Teddy – I also get to serve on the host committee and am helping with "attraction and outreach" and we will be hosting table August 31st to September 2 Living Sober Conference and could use your help. This is my last visit to this District as Alt. Delegate. Thank you for making feel so welcome and allowing me to participate. Doug - Other regional forums are also good to travel too. Q: How close is CalTrain? A: San Jose then VTA and Lyft or Mountain View VTA and/or Lyft. Santa Clara then VTA to Airport then 15 minute walk to venue. Q: Are there multiple events that take

place at same time? A: One program during the day but then multiple break outs in the evening. Q: What time does it begin in the morning? A: Registration Friday 2pm, first session 6pm/ AA meeting at 4pm, Sat. AA meeting 7am, Session starts at 9am, Sunday AA meeting 7am, Session 9am-12pm. Teddy – There is also a panel of past Trustees/Staff/Special Workers which is amazing! Comment: Hotel is booked out but there are alternate locations to stay. BART ride appx. 2hours each way.

Dennis: PRF is not just for service nerds but is open to anybody! This is a great chance to find out about service directly so please go if you are interested.

What's on Your Mind?:

Ken: Board of Living Sober Conference taking place August 31st – Sept. 2 at Holiday Inn SF, Registration will close on the 23rd. But newcomers with less than 90days won't be turned away. Workshops, speaker meeting, and sobriety countdown on Saturday. Saturday Living Sober Dance! Musical on Friday and it will be Joleen by Whitney H.. You can volunteer and host a workshop if you or somebody you know wants to get involved email steering@livingsober.org

PICPC: Beth announcing Folsom Street for Sunday Streets, PI/CPC will have booth from 1-4pm. Please come by and say hi!