

DEC 2021 MINUTES

District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 / 7:30 – 9:00pm

Zoom ID: 840-2738-0768

Opening of Meeting:

- Serenity Prayer
- Safety Statement
- Sign-in sheet announcement
- GSR Preamble -- read by Tony N.
- Tradition 12 and Concept 12 – read by Harry and Mark L

- New GSRs
 - Neil F., Alt GSR Waterfront
 - Jared A, Alt GSR Artists & Writers (Worldwide)
 - Tony N, Sunset Step Group
 - Harry, GSR Each Day A New Beginning (Sunday)
 - Mark L., GSR Artists & Writers (In-Person)

- Visitors
 - Elena R., IFAA Board
 - Eric L., CNCA 06 Alternate Delegate
 - Kyle W., visitor from San Jose fellowship
 - Teddy B-W, Past Area Delegate

- AA Birthdays
 - Brandon B., 2 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 – Adjusted Tradition & Concept to be 11 (not 10), otherwise approved

Officer Reports

- Jackie B. (Chair)
 - District inventory was last month -- over 25 pages of notes, Vanessa will be summarizing in advance of January GSR meeting, in January we will be forming an ad hoc committee to determine if any actions need to be taken.
 - One action that the officers already implemented was updating the district website, so check it out! ← Jackie also walked through one of the updates later in the meeting (calendar) in between Eric's presentation and the 2022 budget vote.
 - We will be approving the 2022 budget at tonight's meeting
 - PRAASA 2022 will be virtual only
 - Pre-conference assembly is April 2-3, 2022
 - NEW BUSINESS: That CNCA distribute the Area newsletters electronically only unless requested by mail
 - OLD BUSINESS: That the Trustees literature committee develop a graphic novel or a series of novels that depict the first 164 pages
 - OLD BUSINESS: That the Trustees literature committee consider deleting or changing the wording in the book Living Sober "Better to be chubby or pleasingly plump than drunk, right? Did you ever hear of anyone arrested for fat driving?"
 - GSO preliminary agenda topics available upon request
 - New mailing address for GSO group contributions
 - New website will launch for aa.org
 - Reserve fund for GSO is currently 8.48 months of expenses (target is 9-12 months)
- Tony A. (Alt GSR)

- February 15: Final agenda topics for GSC are distributed
- Encourage Grapevine subscription donations
- Happy Holidays! Support the alcohthons if you're around!
- Riaz A. (Treasurer)
 - Group contributions were up quite a bit last month so we're in a strong position for the end of the year
 - Some numbers were adjusted for the 2022 budget (i.e. PRAASA costs)
 - Some of the November checks still need to be deposited
- Anna V. (GSR for Lush Lounge, covering for Literature)
 - Revised Service Manual is now available
 - Trio of Holiday Special Offers: All Big Books are 10% off, 15% off all orders of \$100+, and 10% off spirituality-focused literature (go to aa.org)
 - New audio recordings of the Big Book on CD (Eng/French/Spanish)
- Kelley C. (Service Manual Study)
 - Read Chapter 12 today, which was about the Grapevine. Next month they will begin the chapters about the Concepts!
- 7th Tradition -- Venmo information was shared on screen

Election for Bridging the Gap Co-Chair

"Bridging The Gap helps alcoholics on the inside get to meetings on the outside."

- Orientation is 1st Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm, BTG meeting follows at 7pm
- Co-Chair would serve a 2 year commitment (job description was flashed on screen and was included in meeting materials)
- Rudy S. M. raised his hand to indicate that he was available to serve. He had previously served on the Bridging the Gap committee for San Mateo county. No one else raised their hand so we held a vote of confidence.
- There were no objections so Rudy was elected as the new BtG co-chair!

Housekeeping Motion

- "That the District contribute \$2500 to the General Service Board of A.A."

- We are presenting this as a housekeeping motion as the district has excess funds above our prudent reserve and could therefore send as a one-time distribution to help GSO get closer to their target prudent reserve amount.
- There were no questions on wording or intent, so Jackie then presented as a motion for us to vote on. There were no objections so the motion passed and Riaz will write a check to GSO.

New Business

- “That the District Committee Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of each month permanently remain on a virtual platform. Other District special events, such as the Agenda Topics Workshop, Delegate’s Report and Unity Day, may be held in person with remote access whenever possible.”
- Rudy S. M. asked if there was any data around headcount for virtual versus in-person for our district meeting. Jackie clarified that there isn’t anything, but it does seem
- Heidi H. shared that she thinks this would be a good idea -- it’s good for the environment, it’s good for those who don’t like to drive at night, and the meetings seem to go smoothly in this format.
- Kim S. wondered if that would mean anyone who serves as DCMC going forward would have to have internet access and computer/laptop access. Jackie said there may be a possibility that the DCMC could use the Central Office laptop if that is a need.
- Anna V. is generally in support of staying virtual as it has seemed to bring a wider variety of attendees. She also wanted to point out that having the meetings virtual reduces the # of paper handouts -- having everything readily available on the Google drive helps for organization and focus.
- Julie S. really liked the question about accessibility (internet and computer access) and was wondering if GSRs might want to meet up IRL to share a screen.
- Joe W. shared that it would probably be easier to recruit new GSRs if we stay virtual.
- Alison T. shared that she has several health issues that makes the virtual meetings preferable for accessibility reasons. She did also share though that her new sponsees who have only known Zoom meetings don’t quite understand the “magic” of in-person meetings.
- We will continue discussing this business next month

Visiting Area Officer: Eric L. (Area Alt Delegate)

- What is happening in 2022? Hopefully things get better than the past 2 years! :)
 - There will likely be discussion at the General Service Conference in 2022 around some of the big changes that were made at the 2021 conference. The final agenda topics are still being landed, but there will likely be some more “exciting” ones!
 - Is there anything a GSR can do to prepare for when they need to bring agenda topics to their group? Use the time in December and January to get a group conscience on the old business being discussed at the pre-conference assembly! This will help you get a feel for asking for a group conscience on a topic.
 - PRAASA happens once a year in different locations along the west coast and Hawaii. The 2022 conference was supposed to happen in Portland, but because of different state mandates still happening around Covid, it will be virtual. This will be held March 4-6, 2022.
 - Pre-conference assembly will be in Petaluma on April 2-3, 2022. This will be in person for the first time in a couple of years! You can also send your thoughts to Eric or Jennifer by April 9th to ensure it is captured before the General Service Conference.
 - September 16, 2022 will be the Regional Forum conference in Salt Lake City.

2022 Budget

- Riaz did a screen share of the proposed 2022 District 6 budget and walked through some of the highlighted changes (i.e. Grapevine is already paid through next year, virtual PRAASA, etc.)
- He did also mention that regardless of whether our monthly meeting stays virtual or meets in person, we need to have money in the budget for rent now in case.
- Rudy brought up if we would need to have another vote on the 2022 budget once we decide if the meeting is staying virtual. Riaz clarified that we wouldn't bring the whole budget to another vote, we would have another ad hoc finance committee discuss what to do with the excess funds.

- We are voting on the budget as a housekeeping motion since we need to vote on this today. There were no objections to the proposed budget so it is approved!
- The ad hoc finance committee will now be looking at how we can improve financial reporting

Liaison Reports

- Alison T. (Intergroup) shared:
 - that they are continuing to discuss going back in person.
 - Intergroup inventory is scheduled for Saturday, Feb 5.
 - Seasons of Service -- join an Intergroup committee!
 - Buy literature through Central Office!
 - Be a Faithful Fiver -- individual contributions help but groups can contribute too.
 - Let Central Office know of any holiday closures and/or events that are happening
 - Subscribe to The Buzz!
- Julie S. (H&I) shared:
 - H&I is hosting 13 virtual meetings and 4 in-person meetings
 - Providing literature to facilities
 - Literature is fully stocked at 2900
 - Finances are sound
 - San Quentin Sponsorship program is running again!
 - Outside H&I meetings have resumed
 - The program needs people (5 years requirement, only male-identified folks though as it is a men's prison)
- Anna V. (GGYPAA) shared:
 - They meet on the 2nd Sunday of every month, but the meeting time has changed! It is now at 1pm.
 - Had a gingerbread house making event last weekend
 - Thanks to folks spreading the word of GGYPAA as attendance is up!
 - More events coming up soon...
- Kyle W. made an announcement for the Sobriety By The Bay conference happening January 7-9, 2022 at Grace Cathedral. Before January 1st, the

registration fee is \$30 -- it will go up to \$35 after January 1st. You can also sponsor attendance if you cannot attend but want to cover the registration fee for another alcoholic! You can find the website at www.sobrietybythebay.org

What's On Your Mind?

- No one had anything to share, so Jackie just reiterated some of the earlier points and thanked everyone for their participation.
- Tony will send out the sample GSR report after the meeting as a guide of what you can share back with your home group.
- It was decided that we would end early!

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.