

JAN 2022 MINUTES

District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, January 11, 2021 / 7:30 – 9:00pm

Zoom ID: 840-2738-0768 PW: 1935

Opening of Meeting:

- Serenity Prayer
- Safety Statement
- Sign-in sheet announcement
- GSR Preamble -- read by Patrick J.

- New GSRs
 - o Paul S., Daily Reflections
 - o James Warren B., As Bill Sees It
 - o Patrick J., PAX West
 - o Laura L, Koo Koo Hump Day
 - o Jessica M., Girls Gone Mild
 - o Ben Q., 10 Years After
 - o Eric A., Castro Discussion Show of Shows
 - o Maryann M., Saturday Easy Does It
 - o Tim W., Join the Tribe
 - o Tim H., West Portal
 - o Dan A., Join the Tribe

- Visitors
 - o Isae W, IFAA Board
 - o Christina G, IFAA Executive Director
 - o Richard W, CNCA Lit/GV/La Vina Chair
 - o Teddy B-W

- AA Birthdays
 - o Isae, 29 years
 - o Joe W, 40 years
 - o Sunil K, 6 years

- Service Sponsorship statement

- DCMs
 - o JB B., DCM 225 Subdistrict
 - o Riaz A., DCM 250 Subdistrict
 - o Jill G., DCM 270 Subdistrict
 - o Vanessa H., DCM 310 Subdistrict
 - o Hemanth S., DCM 315 Subdistrict
 - o Dennis H., DCM 320 Subdistrict
 - o Bill W., DCM Easter Egg Subdistrict (email vanarama@gmail.com before the 2/8 meeting to claim prize!)
 - o Tony A., Alt-Chair, covers any meetings not in the above subdistricts

- Approval of Prior Month's Minutes – Beth S. found the Easter Egg in last month's minutes, otherwise approved!

Officer Reports

- Pre-Reports Announcements
 - o Announced that based on feedback from the Group Inventory, we are reducing the number of reports shared verbally at the meeting. All reports will be sent out via email though.
 - o We are now also doing presentations of the tradition of the month and concept of the month

- Tradition of the Month Presentation (Michael P, Tradition 1)
 - o "Our common welfare should come first; personal recovery depends upon AA unity"
 - o Keeping our groups intact and united ensures that we can serve the individuals

- Concept of the Month Presentation (Riaz A, Concept 1)
 - o "Final responsibility and ultimate authority for AA World Services should always reside in the collective conscience of our whole Fellowship"

- Simple way of saying the collective group conscience is the ultimate authority for AA – builds on the legacy of Unity. We are not governed by 1 person or a small group of people – the Trustees rely on the group conscience for making decisions
- This concept keeps the “musts” as few as possible
- Jackie B. (Chair)
 - District 06 News
 - Website tour of sfgeneralservice.org – Jackie walked us through some of the changes and important sections
 - 2022 GSR Calendar and To-Do’s is available at www.sfgeneralservice.org/calendar
 - Scholarships for virtual PRAASA (Pacific Region Alcoholics Anonymous Service Assembly) on March 4 - 6, 2022 – if interested, send an email to chair@sfgeneralservice.org.
 - Housekeeping motion to disburse \$9,700 to our Area
 - GSO News
 - Redesign of aa.org has launched!
 - Inform your group Treasurer about the new P.O. Box for Group Contributions to New York (GSO)
 - Reserve Fund is now at 8.5 months of Operating Expenses (Target is 9-12 months). Thank your groups for their contributions!
 - Final Agenda Topics for the General Service Conference available February 15
 - Area 06 News
 - Pre-Conference Assembly will be 1st weekend in April; we will also be discussing old Area business at this assembly
- Riaz A. (Treasurer)
 - At the end of the year, we found some extra money due to virtual format. \$2500 will be going to GSO per a previous Housekeeping motion. \$9700 is in excess funds that we are looking to disburse in keeping with AA’s tradition of self-support and not hoarding funds. We still have enough for the prudent reserve for the District.

- Maryann asked about the Reserve fund being slightly below target – Jackie clarified that she was speaking about the GSO Reserve Fund and not District.

7th Tradition -- Venmo information was shared on screen

Due to running behind schedule, we tabled the District Inventory summary to next month. ← **Secretary's note: This was moved to be sent out via email at the Officer's Meeting later in January**

District Conscience

“That our Area request the Trustees Literature Committee consider deleting or changing the following wording in the book Living Sober: ‘Better to be chubby or pleasingly plump than drunk, right? Did you ever hear of anyone being arrested for fat driving?’ Chapter 9, page 23”

- If this Area motion passes, our Delegate will write to the General Service Board with the request that this be added as a future Agenda item for the 2023 General Service Conference
- James asked if we could read the sentences leading up to the section in question; Jackie read aloud
- We then moved into Breakout Rooms to discuss – officers took notes in each room and will share with Jackie so she can share the District Conscience at the Pre-Conference Assembly

Visiting Area Officer (Richard W, CNCA Lit/Grapevine/La Vina Chair)

- Explained quickly some of what a GSR does and how we bring information to/from our group so that it can flow to the General Service Office and General Service Committee
- Our Area delegate brings our group conscience for current and potential future agenda topics to the General Service Conference
- The agenda topics are landed in February and summaries are sent out in March.
 - This gives GSRs time to bring some of the topics to their home group for a group conscience.
 - GSRs then share their group's conscience at the Pre-Conference Assembly in early April.
 - Our Area delegate will then take all of that information to the General Service Conference later in the Spring.

- Group conscience resources are on District website: sfgeneralservice.org

Housekeeping Motion

- “That the District disburse our excess funds in the amount of \$9,700 to CNCA Area 06”
- There was an objection to the motion so this will become new business at next month’s meeting.

Old 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.”
 - Ken H shared that he is in agreement with this motion. He likes the idea of staying on virtual platform because it makes him more able to attend. He also feels he can be more of a participant in the online format.
 - John T shared that he thinks it’s wonderful how we’re able to function on a virtual platform and we do a great job taking care of business in this format.
 - Paul S shared that his home group meeting has always been online and it’s awesome to see how AA has continued to function well online. We could also do hybrid, but it can be tricky. All for staying online though.
 - Laura L shared that because home groups have GSRs who don’t live in SF anymore, it would be tricky if we moved back to being in person. In favor of staying online as this allows folks to attend even if they’re out of town, sick, etc.
 - Tim H is in favor of staying online and as new variants occur, it does affect attendance at in-person meetings.

Introduction to Christina G., IFAA Executive Director

- She shared that she has been sober for 24 years and lives in West Marin.
- She has worked in the non-profit sector for many years and is excited to be the new Executive Director.
- This year is our 75th anniversary of IFAA, which serves both San Francisco and Marin County.

- There have been updates to aasfmarin.org
- Also if your meeting does have to pivot back to being online due to Omicron, be sure to update your meeting info on the aasfmarin.org site!
- Christina@aasfmarin.org is the way to reach her

Liaison Reports

- All liaison reports will be shared via email. Due to lack of time, Jackie asked that liaisons only verbally share a report as needed.
- Alison T (Intergroup)
 - Tech committee is looking for a new chair
 - Intergroup is having a group inventory in February
 - Sunshine Club needs members
- Phil S (Bridging the Gap)
 - Currently outreaching to professionals who work with alcoholics, so if you or someone you know fits that description, please reach out!

Reminders and What's On Your Mind?

- Reminder that a sample GSR report gets sent out
- Discuss different ways to run a group conscience
- Agenda Topics Workshop will happen in mid-March, so planning for your group conscience in late March is best
- Peter M. shared that the 6th Annual AA History Symposium will be happening virtually at the end of the month – aahistorysymposium.org
- Gabriella M. shared that she is having trouble getting GSRs/Alt GSRs for some of her groups (Women's Promises, Sisters Circle) so she is looking for advice on getting folks excited to be a GSR

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.