

# MAR 2022 MINUTES

## District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2021 / 7:30 – 9:00pm

Zoom ID: 840-2738-0768 PW: 1935

### Opening of Meeting:

- Serenity Prayer
- Safety Statement
- Sign-in sheet announcement
- Agenda announcement
- GSR Preamble -- read by Mark R
  
- New GSRs
  - o Mark R, Sometimes Slowly
  - o Bill T, As Bill Sees It
  - o Dan B, Sunday Night Castro Discussion
  
- Visitors
  - o Brianna J
  - o Teddy B-W, Past Delegate
  - o Drew B, Area Assembly Coordinator
  
- AA Birthdays
  - o Ben Q, 11 years
  
- Service Sponsorship statement
  
- DCMs
  - o JB, 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 Tony A, Alt-Chair, covers any meetings not in the above subdistricts

- Approval of Prior Month's Minutes – no objections, so approved!

### **Tradition and Concept of the Month**

- Tradition 3 (Gary B)
  - o “The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking.”
  - o Product of trial & error – the early years were a bit exclusive in wanting “pure” alcoholics – no queers, crackpots, fallen women, criminals, or atheists.
  - o Dr. Bob and Bill W. wrestled with the idea of keeping anyone from getting the help they needed – referenced the story of a man suffering from something “even worse” than alcoholism
  - o AA has been able to spread across all demographics and across most countries now
  - o There are also special meetings within AA (i.e. Young People, Women Only, etc.) but all are welcome in AA as long as they have a desire to stop drinking, even if AA isn't your “worst” problem.
  
- Concept 3 (Vanessa H)
  - o “To insure effective leadership, we should endow each element of A.A.—the Conference, the General Service Board and its service corporations, staffs, committees, and executives—with a traditional ‘Right of Decision’.”
  - o Mutual trust is key
  
- Next month Paul S will share on Tradition 3 and Beth S will share on Concept 3

7th Tradition -- Venmo information was shared on screen

### **Officer Reports**

- Riaz A (Treasurer)
  - o Contributions were down for groups in February but up a little for individuals.

- Will discuss disbursement of excess funds as old business later in the meeting
- Jackie B (Chair)
  - District News:
    - We will be collecting a district conscience tonight in breakout rooms.
    - Background summaries for Agenda Topics are available and Sfgeneralservice.org has a link for Agenda Topics with all of the information you will need
    - SF Agenda Topics Workshop will take place virtually on Saturday, March 12 at 10am-1:30pm on Zoom.
  - Area News:
    - Our delegate will hear group consciences at the pre-conference assembly April 2-3 in Petaluma
    - Dom asked if there was an agenda for the pre-conference assembly in case you are only able to attend one day – Jackie confirmed that there is an agenda at cnca06.org
    - JB asked if the assembly would be hybrid – this is the first attempt so those tuning in virtual will only be able to view/listen but not speak at the microphone. There will be a separate session for the “virtual microphone” on April 9.
    - Hemanth asked if there were additional details for the topic we are taking the group conscience on tonight – Jackie confirmed that all necessary info is available.
  - GSO News:
    - A new Members Services Dept helps individual AA members with literature orders and contribution questions
    - 2021 Individual and Group contributions hit record high
    - 2021 Literature gross income improved from 2020 but still below pre-pandemic levels
    - GSO reserve fund is 7.5 months

## **Quick poll**

Poll to understand how GSRs feel about the communication they receive before each month's meeting

## **Dominic B – PRAASA Recap**

- PRAASA was this past weekend and it was a spiritual experience for Dom. He originally didn't even want to go and now he is so glad he went.
- The conference gave a ton of education and excitement around service.
- Dom appreciated being able to connect with other district registrars.
- He learned a lot about AA as well and is grateful for the opportunity to attend.
- Maryann shared that she also attended and got a lot out of the conference. She seconded everything Dom said.
- Mark R asked what PRAASA is since he is new to GSR service. Dom answered that PRAASA stands for Pacific Region and folks from Alaska down to San Diego share on their experiences with service and AA.
- Jamie M shared that he went to PRAASA this time and several years ago in SF – it was moving in person and also moving on the virtual platform.

## **Visiting Area Officer, Drew B**

- Shared about experience with agenda topics and what it is like to bring agenda topics back to the groups
- Drew was a new GSR for EBYPAA back in the 90's and he was completely lost on what was happening at his first pre-conference assembly
- When he went to his second pre-conference assembly, he knew he had to gather the conscience of his group about a few topics and then package those to deliver at the microphone
- Power of 2nd tradition – our group conscience has the authority – to run a worldwide organization by spiritual principles
- Drew shared his email for folks to ask questions.

## **Breakout Rooms for District Conscience**

- Meeting was split into different breakout rooms to discuss Topic G
- JB and Riaz then gave 90-second shares on their breakout rooms' group conscience

## **New Business**

- “That our District co-host an Interdistrict workshop with District 10 Marin and District 05 San Mateo at a cost not to exceed \$300.”
- “That the District disburse our excess funds in the amount of \$9,700 to CNCA Area 06.”
- “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.”

## **Liaison Reports**

- Alison T, Intergroup Liaison
  - Intergroup has conducted their group inventory – the inventory will be shared soon but main takeaways include transparency
  - Committees are needing members
  - Faithful Fiver plug
  - The Point needs a new chair!
- Peter M, PR Committee
  - Last week the PR committee presented to a nursing group and got a lot of good questions around how AA works
  - Next orientation/meeting is this upcoming Monday
- Julie S, H&I Liaison
  - Financials are good
  - Business meeting is 10am on the 3rd Saturday
  - In-person meetings for hospitals and institutions are starting to re-open
- Our officers no longer give verbal reports, but Jackie made a plug for Literature and Grapevine around a need for stories, specifically stories from Black and African-American members.

## **What’s On Your Mind?**

- Peter shared that one of his meetings is trying to get back in person but they are in the Tenderloin and could use a bit of additional support. He put his email in the chat so folks could reach out to him.

**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.