

# JULY 2022 MINUTES

## District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 / 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 Ed T.
  
- New GSRs
  - Ben W, Any Lengths
  - Rane T., Each Day A New Beginning
  - Jess P, Alt GSR Each Day A New Beginning (Virtual)
  
- Visitors
  - Amy M, CNCA Recording Secretary
  - Teddy B-W, Past CNCA Area Delegate
  - Ann G, Visitor
  
- AA Birthdays
  - Dan B, 7 years
  - Jackie B, 16 years
  - Eric A, 13 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 Hs, DCM 320 Subdistrict
  - Tony A, Alt-Chair, covers any meetings not in the above subdistricts
  
- Approval of Prior Month's Minutes: No objections to last month's minutes, so they are approved.

### Tradition and Concept of the Month

- Tradition 7 (Ken H)

- “Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions..”
- Ken shared that he finds it interesting how the tradition builds upon each other – tradition 7 builds upon tradition 6 in speaking to how money and AA don’t mix.
- When AA first began, we did get money from outside sources which helped establish the AA Foundation (AAWS) and allow the early AAs to publish the big book.
- There is a list on aa.org on where the money from contributions goes so there is transparency
- There is a limit on how much an individual can contribute to a Central Office (\$5000/year while alive, \$10000 once in a will)
- Concept 7 (Yanz C)
  - Although the Board has some power around certain legalities, the real power lies within the Conference, the conscience of AA members, and following within the traditions.
- Next month Juan M. will share on Tradition 8 and JB will share on Concept 8

### **Election for Liaison to District 16**

- This person would serve as a liaison to our sister district, District 16. They would attend the monthly District 6 GSR meeting and the monthly District 16 GSR meeting (in-person).
- The person would make a report at each meeting about what is happening in the other district, so we can all be informed. Our districts often work together, so it would be good to know what is happening beyond what is shared in the newsletter
- Knowledge of Spanish is helpful as District 16 is Spanish-speaking
- This position would run through the rest of 2022
- No one volunteered in the meeting so please share with your groups. This is a great way to be of service!

7th Tradition -- Venmo information was shared on screen

### **Officer Reports**

- Riaz A, Treasurer
  - Our projected expenses for 2022 are about \$8000 and we’re at \$4000 for this year so far
  - Riaz also let us know that he will be depositing June and July checks later this week.
  - Financial report and group contribution report were in the packet of materials sent out before the meeting. Riaz noted that he will amend a typo on the financial report and resend.
- Jackie B, DCMC

- District News
  - SF Unity Day will be a hybrid event on Saturday, Oct 8, 2022 from 10am-2:30pm. There will be box lunches for in-person attendees. It will be held in person at the First Unitarian Universalist Church at O'Farrell Street and Geary.
- GSO News
  - Summer issue of Box 459 is now available
  - Deadline to submit an agenda topic for the 73rd General Service Conference is September 15.
  - Results from the 72nd General Service Conference, including GSO Financial Reports are available via our district website.
  - Registration is open for the North/South Connections Virtual Special Forum on Remote Communities on Jul 16, 2022.
  - Call for stories in the 5th Edition of the Big Book – deadline is Oct 31, 2022. Also call for stories for the AA for the Black and African-American Alcoholic pamphlet and the 4th Edition of Alcoholicos Anonimos.
- Area News
  - Summer assembly is Saturday, Aug 20, 2022 in Salinas
  - Vanessa H asked a question that had been posed in the chat about how to opt out of physical mailed versions of the Commentary/Commentarios – Jackie shared that GSRs can email the district registrar and they will assist in getting you removed.
  - Ken asked if the Commentary/Commentarios is automatically sent to GSRs, Jackie confirmed yes.
  - Jeff said that he has tried to register as a GSR online several times and confirmed that he is receiving the emails, but not receiving the Commentary/Commentarios. Jackie suggested emailing the registrar to make sure we have the correct address information on file.
  - Janet S asked if folks can attend the summer assembly on Zoom, Jackie confirmed yes – the Zoom information is on the flyer.
  - David S asked if we have started printing new copies of the 12 and 12 have the change from the 71st General Service Conference. Jackie confirmed yes, although they are needing to move through the old stock first.
  - Laurie M. asked if we can take another group conscience on the area motions – Jackie clarified that if you've already taken a group conscience, you do not need to do that again. They are in the summer assembly due to running out of time.

### **Quick Poll**

- For any new service positions, how should we approve a new service position at the District?
  - New/Old Business – discussion takes place over a couple of months before we vote

- Housekeeping Motion – we can vote right away unless there is an objection, in which case we will allow for at least 1 month of discussion

### **Housekeeping Motion**

- That the District provide food and beverage for the monthly volunteer mail party through the end of this year, in a total amount not to exceed \$350.
- Ken wanted to clarify that \$350 was for the rest of the year, Jackie confirmed yes so it comes to about \$50/party for the rest of 2022.
- There were no objections, so the motion passes!

### **Old 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 (for our District).
- Laurie M shared that she thinks it is a brilliant idea, especially since we share our Intergroup with Marin
- Paul S also thinks it is a fantastic idea, but was curious about what topics would be covered. Jackie answered that it can vary – sometimes it is on a specific step. Amy M also shared that she went to an Interdistrict Workshop one time and there were speakers from each district in each panel. It also modeled the General Service Conference theme, so it showed how we collaborate.
- JB was in favor of it in the name of unity and service!
- Anna V loves the idea but is curious how frequent they would be. Jackie said that this Workshop probably wouldn't happen until next year, but that most Interdistrict Workshops happen annually. Right now it is worded in a vague way so future district panels can decide the frequency.
- Jackie launched a poll to see if folks felt ready to vote – we unanimously agreed that we were ready. Then we decided how we want the vote to be taken (simple majority or substantial unanimity) – 76% of respondents votes for simple majority so the decision will be made by simple majority.
- Finally we took a vote about whether to pass the motion: 38 votes were cast. 37 votes were in favor (97%) and 1 was against (3%). There was 1 abstention.
- We heard from the minority opinion – the concern was that there are so many meetings that happen and we should have some available knowledge of what meetings happen and what is covered at those meetings. Just want to make sure we are not creating overlapping meetings and making best use of our funds.
- No votes were changed after hearing the minority opinion, so the motion passes.

### **Sharing Session**

- At the Area Committee Meeting, one of the topics that came up was whether our Area needs a virtual District given the number of virtual meetings in existence now.
- There are two Areas that now have virtual Districts, so there is precedent.
- Jackie asked for GSRs who represent virtual meetings if they have any thoughts on whether we should have a virtual District:

- Paul S shared that his meeting is fully virtual, but he is not sure if he sees the benefit of a virtual District – he likes being a part of District 6 and participating how he can.
- Ranees meeting has split into an in-person meeting and a virtual meeting. She represents the virtual meeting and doesn't know that her group personally needs a virtual District, but thinks that other meetings in the Area may benefit from a virtual District.
- Anna V is in favor of creating a virtual District if for no other reason than to have a combined list of all meetings happening in the Area
- Janet S would like to take this information back to her meeting for a group conscience
- Ken H's group just made a decision to split similar to Ranees meeting. He is in favor of having a virtual District.
- Sara James shared that she is concerned that a virtual District may be exclusionary to some members so she is not in favor.
- JB shared that he thinks we can go beyond a virtual District – what if it was a virtual Area?

### **Liaison Reports**

- Jackie shared on behalf of Allison T for Intergroup liaison
  - There is a large need for service on different committees, specifically Teleservice
- Julie S (H&I)
  - H&I orientation at 10am on Saturday – there is Bridging the Gap cooperation with H&I as these two committees work well together to serve alcoholics who are leaving different facilities.
- Anna V (GGYPAA)
  - There is a new time for the GGYPAA meeting (6pm on 2nd Sunday on Zoom).
  - There is a pause for this month while they work on a safety plan.
  - There is a campout August 4-7 in Coloma.
  - There are also SWACYPA, ICYPAA, and HICYPAA conferences happening soon.
- Rudy (PR)
  - Looking for volunteers and committee chairs as the committee is rotating out.
  - Several events including Sunday Streets – need folks to attend
  - September 9th is Archdiocese Re-Entry Fair

### **What's On Your Mind?**

- There was not time for What's On Your Mind this month.

### **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.