

# SEPT 2022 MINUTES

## District 06 (San Francisco) General Service Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 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 Melanie R.
  
- New GSRs
  - Melanie R., Walk of Shame
  - Joseph W., Hi Noon
  - Nigel W., alt GSR Say Hey
  - Kate E., alt GSR Women’s Kitchen Table
  
- Visitors
  - Teddy B-W., past Area Delegate
  - Chitra S., Area Treasurer
  
- AA Birthdays
  - Ken H., 9 years
  - Chitra S., 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 H., DCM 320 Subdistrict
  - Tony A., Alt-Chair, covers any meetings not in the above subdistricts
  
- Approval of Prior Month’s Minutes: Approved

### Tradition and Concept of the Month

- Tradition 9 (Elizabeth Z.)
  - “A.A., as such, ought never be organized; but we may create service boards or committees directly responsible to those they serve.”

- Elizabeth also read the long form of the Tradition and shared that she understands that to mean we don't have to be organized at the AA group level, but we do have special committees (like General Service) to help AA as an organization operate.
- Concept 9 (Gabriella M.)
  - "Good service leadership at all levels is indispensable for our future functioning and safety. Primary world service leadership, once exercised by the founders, must necessarily be assumed by the trustees."
  - Gabriella shared that this is a multi-layered concept and that it emphasizes the importance of the GSRs, Area Delegates, etc. and the chain of leadership.
  - Gabriella read another passage from the manual that relates to how much she has learned by being a GSR and that she is grateful to AA for helping her learn how to lead.
- Next month Janet S. will share on Tradition 10 and Dennis H. will share on Concept 10
- 7th Tradition -- Venmo information was shared on screen

### **Officer Reports**

- Riaz A., Treasurer
  - We are still on target to take in ~\$8K this year.
  - The church hasn't cashed the check for Unity Day yet, but they have confirmed that we do have the space held on Oct 8, 2022 .
- Jackie B., DCMC
  - District News
    - SF Unity Day will be a hybrid event on Saturday, Oct 8, 2022 from 10am-3pm. The in-person component will be held at the First Unitarian Universalist Church at 1187 Franklin Street in SF. There will be box lunches for in-person attendees in the outdoor courtyard. This event brings together service committees from Intergroup, General Service, H&I, and YPAA to educate and provide in-person orientations. Flyer is now available with the zoom information!
    - District elections will begin next month and run through December.
  - GSO News
    - Final Conference Report is now available as PDF
    - A letter from Bob W., GSO General Manager was shared
    - Deadline to submit an agenda topic for the 73rd General Service Conference is September 15.
    - 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
  - Area Tech Committee is in need of volunteers: Microsoft Administrator and 2 tech assistants at the Area Committee Meetings. If interested, please email [goconotron@gmail.com](mailto:goconotron@gmail.com).

### **Visiting Area Officer, Chitra S.**

- Chitra S. shared about the importance of spirit of rotation.
- There is a best practice of how to step away from a position after serving your term.
- Starting a new position can feel uncomfortable or you may feel lost, but you can ask for help. This can help you also practice humility.
- A place of comfort and control can cause someone to want to stay in a position, but by rotating out, we allow others to learn how to become leaders and avoid having our egos believe we are in a position of power or governance.
- This also helps us avoid resting on our laurels!
- Alison T. asked what to do when a meeting member volunteers to be in a position that they held within the past year. Chitra suggested referring to the literature and reading the description of the spirit of rotation (Page 107 of the current service manual and also in the AA as a Group pamphlet).
- Janet S. wanted to compliment Chitra's presentation and said it may motivate her to volunteer for a position.
- Jackie B. asked about Chitra's experience of rotating out of a position within a committee and rotating into a new position but within same committee. Chitra stated that unless you've held the new position before, it's still within the spirit of rotation and learning something new.

### **Updated Job Descriptions**

- Over the past couple of years, the job descriptions for the District officer roles have been updated and now they are ready for discussion/approval.
- The current officers read through the job descriptions of the 5 positions that will be up for elections in October (DCMC, Alt DCMC, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Registrar).
- Gary B. asked if we use the Live Transcript feature for Recording Secretary and Vanessa H. clarified that we do not currently but could in the future.
- Beth S. asked if the anonymity-protected version means there are sections blacked out; Vanessa stated that the anonymity-protected version just means taking out last names.
- The updates to all 5 job descriptions were approved without objection.

### **Summer Assembly Report, Jackie B. and Gary B.**

- The Summer Assembly was held on Saturday, August 20 with 242 members in-person and virtually.
- Living Sober motion: FAILED

- Area Newsletter motion: PASSED
- Fall Assembly Meeting will be held on Saturday, November 5 from 9am-5:30pm. There will not be a business meeting before the assembly so no need to take any group consciences before then. However there will be an election for Area officers at this meeting.
- Gary shared that he was able to attend the Rule 62: Joy of Living and Safety in AA workshop sessions and there were some great discussions. (Side note: he was a presenter at the Rule 62: Joy of Living session!)
- He also shared that the session on Safety in AA resonated with how male-identified members may not understand or experience safety in the same way that female-identified members experience. It is a responsibility of AA to ensure that everyone feels welcome and safe when they participate in meetings.

### **Housekeeping Motion**

- “That the District provide a SF Bridging the Gap (BTG) Committee member a scholarship to the annual AA BTG Workshop Weekend on September 30-October 2, 2022 in San Diego, CA, to cover the costs of registration, travel, and housing in a total amount not to exceed \$600.”
- Phil S. shared that he attended in person a couple of years ago and it provided great insight into how BTG intersects with other AA committees, correctional facilities, and the alcoholics inside the correctional facilities.
- Phil also proposed altering the language so that it reads “That the District provide a SF Bridging the Gap (BTG) Committee member OR District member....” in case a BTG Committee member cannot go.
- Elizabeth Z. raised an objection so the motion did not move forward.

### **Liaison and Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

- Alison T. (Intergroup) shared that the Intergroup committees could really use volunteers so if you are interested in more info, please attend Unity Day. She also said that Intergroup has been experimenting with a pop-up bookstore in Marin County and they need volunteers.
- Julie S. (H&I) shared that their business meeting is happening this Saturday (9/17) at noon. Orientations will be happening during even months, so there is no H&I orientation meeting this month.
- ICYPAA will be held in San Francisco over Labor Day weekend 2023 so there will be a large need for volunteers! More information about how to help will be shared soon and also registration info at [icypaa.org](http://icypaa.org)

### **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.